

Irish police under attack by RUC in 'secret file'

By Richard Ford

Deep criticisms of the performance of the Irish Republic's police in assisting the Royal Ulster Constabulary in cross-border security were disclosed yesterday in a confidential document said to be the minutes of a security briefing between the RUC chief constable and senior officers.

The document, was released by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, who said it was left anonymously at his Belfast office.

It includes assessments by divisional commanders of "loyalist" and republican paramilitary operations, details of future parades and comments on the morale of RUC officers.

The need for greater intelligence on loyalist groups because of the close alliance between political, paramilitary and subversive organizations within the Protestant community is also outlined.

Sectional tactics mentioned during the meeting in June include the possibility of take-overs of villages, as occurred in Hillsborough in July and Clontarf earlier this month. It also raises the possibility of loyalists damaging sewage plants and the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association causing explosions in the south.

The criticism of the Garda in the document reflects the private thoughts of many policemen. Sir John Hermon, RUC chief constable, is reportedly said of the Garda: "It was evident their capacity and contribution was small."

A report from a division covering Londonderry says there were many terrorists on the run in Co Donegal, but "no real assistance from the Garda at all".

An assistant chief constable, with responsibility for a rural area in the west of the province, is alleged to have said: "The Garda promised much but delivered little. Border reclosures after illegal re-openings are much too slow in being processed."

Under the heading "Terror-

ist Threat", the document says that intelligence coverage of the IRA and Irish National Liberation Army is good, "but similar penetration of loyalist groups was essential due to the close alliance of political, paramilitary and subversive organizations and personalities on that side".

Mr Paisley said that he had released the document because it was essential that the public was aware of the contradiction between what ministers were saying about improvements in cross-border security and the police's own thoughts. "It is a conspiracy against the whole Protestant community and our constitutional position. The authorities are lying through their teeth."

He claimed that the mention of improving intelligence on loyalist groups meant that the RUC was to infiltrate his party as spies. They were being singled out because they were the hard core of resistance to the Anglo-Irish agreement and the authorities believed that if they were broken other unionists would compromise.

Last night the RUC said it was investigating the authenticity of the document. Improved cross-border security was one of the main aims of the Anglo-Irish agreement, with the RUC believing that greater co-operation between it and the Garda could contribute to destroying republican terrorism.

Earlier this year Sir John Hermon said that to meet the challenge the Garda would need reorientation of its resources and methods. He said that he expected more positive results and that a co-operation programme was to start within weeks.

The Garda has neither the resources nor the reforms needed for it to match the RUC. It remains an 11,800-strong largely unarmed force formed to police a rural society, and is lacking in management skills and command structure when compared with the 8,270 full-time RUC.

New sightings in Lamplugh search

By David Sapsted

A Photofit picture of "Mr Kipper" was released by Scotland Yard last night after new witnesses came forward and cast doubt on previous theories about the movements of Miss Susannah Lamplugh on the last day she was seen, more than three weeks ago.

Det. Supt Nick Carter, who is leading the hunt, believes the estate agent, aged 25, may have had lunch with Mr Kipper after showing him around a house for sale in Shorold's Road, Fulham, south-west London.

A witness has come forward with a new description of the man after seeing him, clutching a bottle of champagne, with Miss Lamplugh outside the house at 1pm on Monday, July 28.

An estate agent acquaintance of the missing woman has disclosed that she saw the couple driving along Fulham Palace Road at 2.45pm that day with Miss Lamplugh looking "serious but not distressed," according to Mr Carter.

This is at odds with the previously-accepted theory that Miss Lamplugh's car, a white Ford Fiesta, had been parked in Stevenage Road, where it was found later that evening, at about 1pm.

Three new witnesses have come forward in recent days. A resident of Shorold's Road reported seeing Miss Lamplugh waiting for the client at 12.50pm and a man saw her and Mr Kipper—"immaculately dressed", according to police, in a charcoal grey suit and light coloured shirt and tie-looking



The Photofit picture of Mr Kipper issued by the police yesterday.



A photograph of Susannah Lamplugh, taken just before she disappeared.

at the outside of the house 10 minutes later. The champagne he carried may have had a red, white and blue ribbon round the bottle.

The third witness said she was cycling along Fulham Palace Road when she saw Miss Lamplugh and a man travelling in the Ford Fiesta in the opposite direction.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF BRITISH GAS 3 PER CENT GUARANTEED STOCK, 1990-1995 GAS ACT 1986

On 24th August 1986, by virtue of the Gas Act 1986, HM Treasury will assume the rights and liabilities in respect of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995. The stock will therefore become a direct liability of HM Treasury (having been previously a liability of the British Gas Corporation) guaranteed by HM Treasury and will be renamed 3 per cent Guaranteed Gas Stock, 1990-1995.

These changes do not require any action to be taken by stockholders. All existing dividend mandates etc in respect of holdings of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995 on the register of the Bank of England will automatically apply to holdings of the renamed stock. However, income tax will no longer be deducted from dividends of £5 or less per annum.

Certificates for existing holdings will not require amendment and will continue to have effect in relation to the renamed stock.

On or after 24th August 1986 transfers should be completed to relate to the renamed stock, transfers of British Gas 3 per cent Guaranteed Stock, 1990-1995 executed before 24th August 1986 but received at the Bank of England for registration after that day will be treated as transfers of the renamed stock.

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19th August 1986



Bystanders outside the smoking ruins of the ground floor shop and basement just after the explosion yesterday in Kensington High Street, west London, in which one man died. Right, a policeman and a fireman helping one of the victims to safety (Photographs: Brendan Beirne).

SDP green paper

Promise of additional cash for health

By Jill Sherman

The Social Democratic Party will spend an extra 2 per cent per year on the National Health Service (NHS) and establish a £500 million innovation and primary health care fund if it comes to power.

Launching the SDP's green paper on the health service, Mr Charles Kennedy, party spokesman on health and social services, said yesterday that the extra spending was the minimum needed to cover the cost of demographic growth, technological change and to allow some service development.

He said that although health authorities would still be encouraged to make efficiency savings, cost improvements would not be included in the extra 2 per cent.

"There can't be any serious argument that the biggest civilian employer in western

Europe is bound to have inefficiencies in some sectors. But we feel that instead of central dictating these decisions are better made by local people on the spot and there may be greater scope that way of achieving more efficiency savings."

He said that the party had revised its 1.5 per cent figure, announced in its 1984 paper, because of a visible increase in problems facing the NHS.

The innovation and primary health care fund would allow district health authorities, local authorities and voluntary organizations to apply for funding for projects to tackle inequalities in health care, and to develop new schemes for priority groups, such as the elderly, handicapped and mentally ill.

The green paper also proposes tackling lengthy waiting lists by imposing a maximum

waiting period for different types of treatment. Patients should be allowed the right to hospital treatment within a specified period.

"It would be entirely feasible for the Secretary of State to lay down regulations for waiting times," Mr Kennedy said.

Where long waiting lists existed, such as for hip replacements, the specified period could be fixed at six months, and then reduced again for a reasonable time, during which the district health authority (DHA) must respond.

"The DHA would have to either buy services from other districts or hire more doctors in the specialty with unacceptable waiting lists in order to meet each patient's right to treatment," the paper said.

It also takes up an idea

originally described in a paper by Professor Alan Epton, of Stanford University, California, that districts should establish an internal market by buying in specialized services from some districts and selling spare capacity to others, an idea already practised by a few districts in Britain.

The paper proposes scrapping the existing system of pay review bodies and separate Whitley councils to determine NHS pay, and suggests replacing this with one single public sector pay review body.

The policy document lists several other innovative ideas for the NHS, many of which would require extra finance. But it says in a preface: "The SDP intends to review all its policy proposals which have expenditure commitments, and establish clear priorities closer to the next general election."

BMA talk on cash for victims

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society has agreed to talks with the British Medical Association on the possibility of a state-funded scheme to provide compensation on a "no fault" basis for victims of medical negligence.

The talks are to take place amid growing concern about the mounting number of negligence claims and the huge awards for damages ordered against doctors.

Under such schemes, which exist in Sweden and New Zealand, a patient who suffers injury as a result of a medical accident is entitled to compensation without having to prove fault in the courts.

The annual meeting of the BMA earlier this year voted for a review of such a scheme because it said the growing number of negligence claims meant doctors were practising "defensive medicine".

The Medical Defence Union and the Medical Protection Society both said on Monday that American-style litigation and awards were just around the corner, and announced increases of 70 per cent in premiums to be paid by doctors for cover.

The courts and the lawyers came in for criticism as a possible reason for the increased amounts being paid out in damages, expected soon to reach the £1 million level. The highest damages so far against a doctor is £700,000.

Mr Bernard Hargrove QC, said yesterday in a foreword to the Medical Defence Union's special notice to doctors: "Are the courts and the lawyers being too clever by half in extending and increasing damages, safe in the (false) assumption that there is a bottomless bucket of insurance money available?"

New rules have also been recently brought in whereby the payment of damages in one lump sum will, in appropriate cases, be superseded by the payment of damages with a right reserved for the patient to have a "second bite".

Mr Hargrove said this was likely to increase overall costs and payments. Another factor was legal aid, which encouraged plaintiffs to press forward with their actions in the knowledge that they have nothing to lose. Three out of four claimants are legally-aided.

Boys die in chase up pylon

Three firemen risked their lives to reach a dying boy trapped on a live electricity pylon.

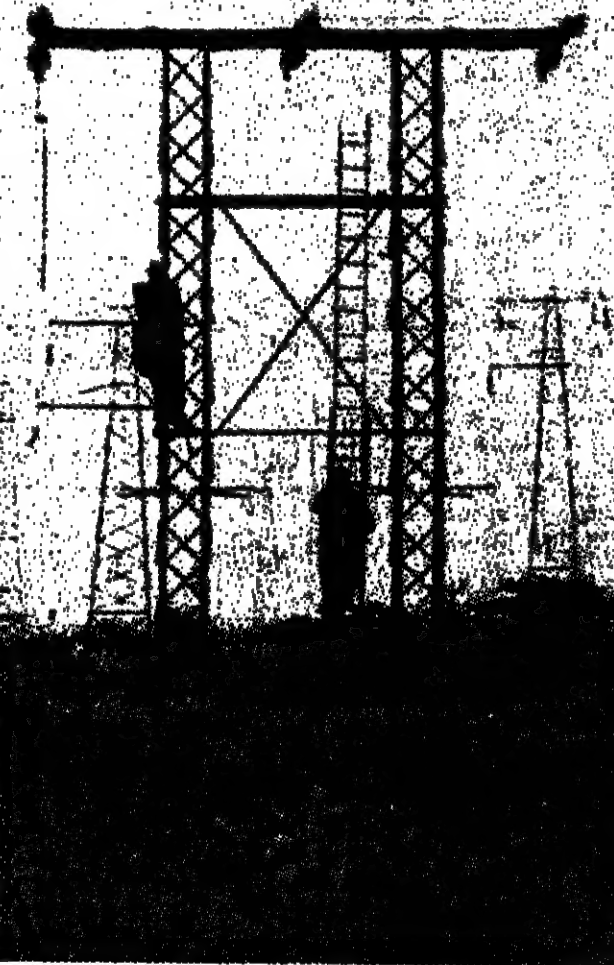
Mr John Thornaby, aged 36, Mr Frank Duckworth, aged 40, and Mr John Mair, aged 36, were returning from another incident when they saw two youths on a live 66,000-volt pylon. Both boys were on fire - one was dead and the other was screaming in agony. They broke their safety rules to bring James Donkin, aged 15, to the ground before the supply of power to the pylon was switched off. The boy died yesterday at Sunderland General Hospital.

The body of Peter Richardson, aged 15, was recovered after the North Eastern Electricity Board switched off the power.

The two school friends had chased each other up the pylon in a field near their homes in Barnstaple, Devon, during a game of tag. They ignored the warning of a passer-by to stay clear and danger signs posted at the bottom of the tower.

Mr Ian Colquhoun, of the North Eastern Electricity Board, said: "While we would praise the motives of the firemen involved we would not advise them to go too near live cables at any time. They could easily have been killed themselves."

Questions about the safety of pylons were being asked yesterday over the apparent



Workmen carry out repairs to the pylon where two boys died.

case with which the young stars climbed the gantry.

The electricity board said there was the normal protection of heavy duty barbed wire guard on each leg. On this type of structure the barbed wire

forms a special plate, about 12ft from the ground, creating the equivalent of an overhanging obstacle that the climber has to get round. A danger warning sign was attached to the left leg.

Council defends safety record

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

132,000 volts and below, comprising pylons carrying the local overhead distribution network of the area boards.

The proportion of the local supply carried by pylons varies. In London, for instance, 99.9 per cent is distributed by underground cable, according to the area board.

In technical terms, there is no legal deterrent against people climbing pylons unless they cause damage.

Safety measures against people clambering the towers rest on barbed wire barriers and spikes around the base of towers to a height of 12 to 20 ft.

This has been regarded as a firmer deterrent than alternatives such as anti-climbing paint, which is intended to

have a slippery pole effect for an intruder.

The spaces between the girders on most structures are wide, providing another discouragement to all but the most determined, in the Electricity Council's view.

The two boys appear to have been killed by a "flash over" from a 60,000 volt line as they reached out as if to grasp the line.

Under normal circumstances, when an insulator breaks down the electricity arcs to the pylon which acts like a lightning conductor carrying the current to earth. Conductors are inspected every day, and about 80 miles of the grid is being replaced with new conductors each year so they will not sag like old ones.

Shutdown threat to oil rig yard

Management at the French-owned UIE oil rig construction yard on the Clyde said yesterday the yard could close if the 530-strong permanent workforce goes on strike next Monday.

A mass meeting of the workers agreed yesterday to strike over the management's decision to make 270 of them redundant.

But the 850 sub-contractors at the yard, who will also be paid off over the next few months, rejected the call for a strike at their meeting.

Mr Brian Henson of UIE said the company only had work for 250 men until the end of next year. If those contracts were not fulfilled on time, the company would have to pay penalties.

The redundancies, announced on Monday, were not negotiable, he said.

"There is a severe shortage of work for as much as three years depending on how the price of oil goes. Most yards are in the same position. If we don't get more work then the yard may go over to a care and maintenance basis," said Mr Henson.

He believed the dispute could still be resolved and the yard's good industrial relations record would remain intact.

But, the shop stewards' convener, Mr James Hamilton, said the company was breaking a 1983 agreement protecting the jobs of the nucleus workforce.

Mr Hamilton said the unions were angry that the company intended to retain some short-term contract workers after full-time staff were laid off and accused UIE of trying to rid itself of workers protected by long-standing agreements.

Last night shop stewards representing the full-time workforce were meeting to discuss their next step. A company spokesman said he was confident that the dispute could be settled before a strike.

Icelander has clear lead in chess contest

By Harry Golombek

Chess Correspondent

The grandmaster Hjartarson, of Iceland, took a clear lead in the penultimate round of the Commonwealth Open Championship in London when he outplayed de Firmian, of the United States, in a nice positional effort. He has 7 points out of a possible 8.

Prasad, of India, is in second place with 6½ points. He defeated Deshpande, of Australia, who rejected the offer of a draw only to blunder three moves later. The win ensured Prasad his final leg for the International Master title.

The American grandmasters, Kudrin and de Firmian, share third place with the international masters, Murey, of Israel, Conquest, of England, and Thipsay, of India, all on 6 points.

The Israeli, Stepak, who holds the world record of the longest game in tournament chess (212 moves), lived up to his reputation by drawing with Agnos after 112 moves and more than nine hours of play.

Dump site protesters keep out engineers

By Mark Dowd

Engineering contractors made two unsuccessful attempts to gain access yesterday to the site at Killingholme, South Humberside, earmarked as a low-level radioactive waste dump.

At 9.15am, 10 protesters blocked the way of an approaching Land Rover, and a request to change the locks of the compound was politely but firmly rejected.

Four hours later, the contractors made a second attempt, this time getting out of the vehicle and making a half-hearted effort to walk through the cordon.

After the second attempt Nirex, the Government's nuclear waste agency, gave a warning that injunctions will be taken out as a last resort.

Anti-nuclear protesters yesterday maintained their 24-hour vigil outside Fulbeck airfield, Lincolnshire, another of the four proposed nuclear waste sites, but contractors hoping to start test drilling failed to turn up.

Expansion at airport sought

The civilian operator at the Manston RAF base in Kent has announced plans to turn it into an international airport handling one million passengers a year.

Seabourne Aviation is to seek planning permission to build a new passenger terminal and cargo facilities at the base on the Isle of Thanet. The company says it has local authority support for the scheme, which claims would create 900 jobs over five years.

Radio services join forces

BBC Radio 4 and the World Service are joining forces to present a season of drama to a world-wide audience for the first time.

Beginning at the end of the month, the simultaneous broadcasts on successive Sunday afternoons will focus on classic European plays - by Shaw, Chekhov, Ibsen, Moliere and Pirandello. The exception will be *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller, the American playwright.

Man freed on gun charge

James Kearney, aged 23, unemployed, of Romford Road, Forest Gate, east London, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of threatening an official at an unemployment benefits office with an imitation gun.

He was accused of demanding money with menaces and possession of the firearm with intent. He denied the charges, but did not dispute that he had the gun when he went into the office at Romford to inquire about money due to him.

Ulsterman accused

An electrician appeared at Lambeth magistrates' court in south London yesterday accused of conspiracy to cause explosions between October 6, 1983, and January 25, 1984.

Gilbert Thomas Patrick McNamee, aged 25, of Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, who is accused of conspiring with Paul Kavanagh and Natalino Vella, was remanded in custody until tomorrow.

Man quizzed on flare death

Police have questioned a man after the death of a retired businessman who was struck in the chest by a distress flare during a fireworks display to mark the end of Cowes week.

A resumed inquest yesterday into the death of Lesley Hoggett, aged 61, of Ringwood, Hampshire, was told that it had not been decided whether to prosecute the man.

Cider traffic moves to rail

More than 4,000 lorries a year will be kept off Somerset roads because of a big goods contract won by British Rail.

Up to five million tonnes of cider a year will be carried by rail to Scotland, northern and southern England, and Northern Ireland for Taunton Cider, which produces a third of Britain's cider in Norton Fitzwarren, near Taunton.

Dog attack

Surgeons were trying last night to sew back an ear that was bitten off when Mrs. Kathleen Roffe, aged 56, a postwoman, was attacked by three alaskan dogs as she delivered mail to a house in Wheatridge, Gloucester.

Vocal young Tory no stranger to controversy

By Nicholas Beeston

Mr Harry Phibbs, editor of the Conservative student magazine which attacked Lord Stockton and has angered the Tory Establishment, is no stranger to controversy, in spite of his relative youth.

One of the more vocal and militant of the breed of young Tory ideologues in the Federation of Conservative Students, Mr Phibbs first surfaced in 1982 when, as a pupil at Pimlico Comprehensive in London, he was arrested by the KGB at Moscow airport for attempting to smuggle

leaflets on disarmament into the Soviet Union.

Later the school suspended him briefly for distributing anti-feminist leaflets in the classroom.

Since then his exploits have become almost an annual event, usually resulting in red faces at Conservative Central Office and publicity for Mr Phibbs and his libertarian supporters in the federation.

In the latest incident, Mr Phibbs used the federation's quarterly magazine *New Agenda* to brand the former Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan, now Lord Stock-

ton, a war criminal and demanded a justification for his alleged wartime decision to repatriate Soviet troops.

Mr Phibbs and the federation have been involved in several wrangles with the Conservative Party, including a drunken rampage during the federation's annual meeting at Loughborough last year, which resulted in an inquiry by the Conservative Party.

Mr Phibbs said yesterday that he was "completely committed to the party", although he also admitted that the Establishment had tried to keep him "more firmly under

its thumb" than he would like.

That became apparent in 1984 when, after two years as chairman of the Westminster Young Conservatives, Mr Phibbs and some of his associates were purged because of their extreme views.

He is determined to remain editor of *New Agenda*, which is self-financing, even if the Conservative Party and the federation cut its links with him.

The federation's 14,000-strong student membership has in the past displayed strong support for Mr Phibbs

and like-minded student leaders.

A federation spokesman said that branches had the power to discipline members, but the attack on Lord Stockton by Mr Phibbs would be unlikely to result in disciplinary measures.

At the federation's annual meeting next month in Leicester, Mr Phibbs is expected to make a new controversy when he tables a motion asking for "freedom of migration", suggesting that people should be able to live and work in any country they choose.

Shipping charges
Ship's name
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Smoker plans the first damages claim against a tobacco company

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A man who is claimed to be the first to sue Imperial Tobacco in the first legal action of its kind in this country.

If the case succeeds, it could open the floodgates to compensation claims totalling millions of pounds, the anti-smoking group, ASH, said yesterday. The man, who is aged 31 and comes from Liverpool, is said to be suffering from Burger's disease, a type of peripheral vascular disease which affects the circulation and frequently leads to amputation of a limb. ASH says the disease is almost exclusive to smokers and the fact that the man is so young makes the link with tobacco all the stronger.

So far neither the man, nor the solicitors who expect the case to be filed within the next few weeks, have been named. Before beginning the action, a report is being prepared on whether the suit has "a sporting chance of success".

With the backing of that report ASH will then seek to raise funds from charities and bodies such as the British Medical Association to bring proceedings. The costs are estimated at a minimum of £200,000.

Genetic factor to meningitis found

By Thomson Prendice, Science Correspondent

Scientists believe they may have discovered that an inherited factor makes some people vulnerable to meningitis, and that this may explain why the disease strikes only at clusters of people in certain areas.

Researchers at Edinburgh University and Edinburgh City Hospital have discovered that a high percentage of victims do not produce natural defences to some infections, including meningitis. The studies showed that 69 per cent of those with the illness belonged to a group known as non-secretors, who represent only about 20 per cent of the British population. Similar work in Iceland, where there has been a recent epidemic of the disease, showed that 54 per cent of meningitis patients were also non-secretors.

The Edinburgh team is offering to analyse samples from patients in cluster areas, such as Stroud in Gloucestershire, to investigate whether a similar high proportion are non-secretors. Dr Caroline Blackwell, who led the research at the university's bacteriology department, said yesterday: "Our findings may help us

released yesterday at a meeting of British and American legal experts who gathered at the Royal Society of Medicine in London to discuss product liability law and the potential for legal action in the United Kingdom.

Lawyers who specialize in product liability cases are being advised by a leading American legal campaigner, Professor Richard Daynard, who forecasts that it is only a matter of time before such lawsuits succeed.

"There are now something like 100 lawsuits that have been filed in the United States against American tobacco companies for claims in cases of sickness or death, and these are at various stages of progress," he said yesterday. Only two had so far reached a jury but those cases had been weak ones. "It is only a matter of time it is trying to defend a bunch of rockets that have been thrown. Eventually one of them is going to get through," he said.

Mr David Simpson, the director of ASH, said yesterday that since its foundation by the Royal College of Physicians in 1971, ASH had neglected the possibility of court actions against tobacco companies, largely because of the cost of litigation.

"It is absurd that the manufacturers of the single most lethal consumer product that the world has ever known should apparently be exempt from paying damages," Mr Simpson said.

The medical profession were more united about the dangers of smoking than on any other matter and of all the dangers linked with smoking, including lung cancer, coronary heart disease and vascular disease had the closest link of all, he said. "It is now virtually unknown for someone to have a limb amputated for gangrene except where he is a smoker," Mr Simpson said.

So far, in the United States, the tobacco companies have not paid a penny in damages, but their legal bills are rising. According to Professor Daynard, it has cost the industry an estimated £10 million to defend a lawsuit brought by a youth of 19 who contracted cancer of the tongue after taking snuff for several years.

But the fight is not likely to be a quick one. One issue will be - as in America - whether the law requiring a health warning on cigarette packets protects companies from product liability actions.

Twins by new egg technique

By Our Science Correspondent

A woman in Merseyside is expecting twins after undergoing a new treatment for infertility.

The technique is quicker, cheaper and more natural than test-tube baby methods, the consultant who developed it said yesterday.

Eggs, instead of being removed and fertilized in the laboratory, are transferred directly by laparoscopy from the patient's ovary to the fallopian tube. Sperm from the woman's partner are then injected by syringe to attempt fertilization.

The technique, known as GIFT (gamete intra-fallopian tube transfer), has been developed by Mr Darwish Darwish, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at the Arrow Park Hospital, Birkenhead. Mrs Joanne Fraser, of Wallasey, is the first patient to become pregnant by the treatment.

Mr Darwish said: "This technique could offer hope to many thousands of infertile couples. We are hoping to achieve more successes."



Jill Dowson, birthday trip ends in court

Mrs Dowson was cleared of all three offences. Her application for costs was accepted.

Acquittal in mower drink case

Jill Dowson, a divorcee, thought an early morning drive on a lawn mower would be the perfect way to round off her thirty-fifth birthday party.

But an off-duty policeman saw her as she drove across a neighbour's garden with three friends and a dog in tow, and she was arrested and breath tested.

As a result, she was accused of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol, driving while disqualified and driving without insurance.

PC Gordon Slade told magistrates at Glastonbury, Somerset, that he had just returned home to Neville Park, Baltonborough, when he heard laughter and saw the mower towing a trailer across the lawn of the house opposite. A breath test at Frome police station showed that Mrs Dowson had a reading of twice the legal limit for driving.

Mrs Dowson's solicitor, Mr Patrick Butler, told the court: "The success of the prosecution case hinges on whether a garden tractor is a motor vehicle intended or adapted for use on the road."

Mrs Betty Boyd, the court chairman, said the magistrates were not satisfied that it was.

Powers for police to evict mass trespassers

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

New powers for police and more effective legal action by landowners are contained in a combined government strategy against mass trespass announced yesterday.

The strategy arises from the mass invasions of land by hippies earlier this year.

Ministers are drawing up detailed proposals on new police powers to evict trespassers, which are promised for the report stage in the Lords of the Public Order Bill. Action would be set off by a refusal to leave on request, a

risk of causing serious damage to property, and harassment or intimidation of the lawful occupier.

At present trespass is not a criminal offence. The Government has in mind a back-up offence, if the trespasser refused to obey police instructions to leave.

Concerted action to identify potential trespassers in travelling groups so that preventive legal moves can be made, is recommended also in advice yesterday to farmers and landowners by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The ministry says joint tactics of that kind are



River police rescuing two adventurers from their sinking craft on the Thames yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Bubble bursts on trial Channel 'roll'

The bubble burst for two adventurers yesterday when a stunt on the river Thames went wrong.

Mr David Kirke and Mr Hugo Spower were trying to "roll" down the river inside a huge 65ft-high air balloon. But after only five minutes on the water, the massive transparent bubble popped and slowly deflated.

It left the men, both members of the Dangerous Sports Club, smothered

underneath the huge PVC balloon, nicknamed Melonball, after the sportsmen who produce a new melon liqueur.

The two men hacked their way out with knives and were picked up by a police launch. The stunt was supposed to be a test run for a Channel crossing later this summer.

"Of course I'm a little melancholy," Mr Kirke, aged 40, of Fulham, south-west London, said after the near disaster.

Mr Kirke, who was soaking wet, added: "If anything it makes me more keen to do the Channel crossing."

Mr Spower, aged 26, said the bubble burst because a wire attached to the tug pulling it snapped and punctured the balloon's skin.

"We are definitely going ahead with the Channel crossing - there's no doubt about it," he said.

Homes on surplus land urged

By John Winder

About 3,500,000 acres of farming land which is surplus to the needs of agriculture should be used for providing homes and industry, Mr Graham Pye, chairman of the Pye house-building group, argues in a paper published today.

The article is part of a reply to the Oxford speech on farming and environment issues by Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Local Government, last January.

In a comment at the end of the paper, published by the Centre for Policy Studies, a right-wing Conservative "think tank" set up by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph in the 1970s, Mr Waldegrave says Mr Pye's solution, rejecting Britain must surely not retreat from nineteenth century cities and move a nearly stable population into the underdeveloped countryside.

Mr Pye, immediate past president of the House Builders' Federation, says that the minister's approach to the problem is worrying because it fails to recognize the scale of the problem facing farming, the financial implications and the regrettable disdain of the environmental campaigner for the rights and wishes of the majority to share in wealth and personal comfort from the development of new homes and jobs.

He says that keeping out of production the 15 per cent - 3.5 million acres - of agricultural land could cost the nation at least £175 million a year and possibly as much as £400 million annually.

On Ministry of Agriculture budgets, he says that it could be paid for by permanently abandoning all research, which costs £240 million, but that for Mr Waldegrave the abandonment of the urban programme at £227 million could almost pay for the "preservation in aspic" of the countryside.

Mr Pye argues that the need is widely accepted to adapt and modernize economic structures and to re-site industries in locations which would help to produce profits. Since it would be beyond the ability, and probably the will, of the taxpayer to fund farmers' inactivity on the scale the environmentalists' solution might dictate, it was the development industry which could, and should, make common cause with the farmer.

Mr Waldegrave's riposte suggests that the achievement of preserving about 80 per cent of land from development should be maintained.

The minister says: "I do not believe that all the land which need not be used for intensive farming in the future need go wholly out of farming and forestry uses. The market will see to it that more extensive, less capital intensive farming uses will become more worthwhile - just as long as the land is not finally lost to urbanization while urban deterioration elsewhere grows."

Scottish exams controversy Second chance for pupils

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Schools in Scotland are to be told that Standard Grade examination candidates who were given a "no award" certificate this month will get a second chance, if teachers agree to carry out the vital classroom assessment by the end of December.

More than 5,000 Scottish pupils aged 16 and 17 were left with a no-award because teachers refused to assess their work during the pay dispute, which coincided with the launch of the new Standard Grade examination. It replaced the Scottish O grade, and is roughly equivalent to the new GCSE exam.

About 20,000 "no award" certificates have been given in mathematics, English, science, and social and vocational skills, the four subjects introduced in the first phase of reform. This contrasts with only 12,000 awarded certificates. The concern is that the

no-awards will be seen as failures.

Most candidates in these subjects were entered for the old O grade, which was specially retained because of the effects of the pay dispute and which contains no teacher assessment. But some schools chose to enter their pupils for the new Standard Grade.

Mr Farquhar Macintosh, chairman of the Scottish Examination Board and head of the Royal High School, Edinburgh, said that it was made plain to schools last November what would happen to children who were entered for the new examination and whose teachers refused to carry out the assessment element.

"It was clearly repeated," he said. "The administration of schools has failed to make it perfectly clear to pupils and it did not sink in with the parents."

"When we realized what might happen, we presented the bulk of candidates at our school for the O grade exam. That is what most schools in Scotland did, but some, unfortunately, did not and it is their children who are suffering."

However, the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), which represents most Scottish teachers, said that the blame for what happened must lie with the board and ministers for "encouraging" schools to do the Standard Grade examination knowing that teachers would not co-operate.

A spokesman for the Scottish Education Department denied that the no-award certificates would be seen as failures.

"They will be of considerable value to youngsters, even without an overall grade."

Sex equality fight on council's hands

By Our Education Correspondent

Bradford council faces another battle with a teacher, similar to the Honeyford affair over race and education. But this time the issue is the authority's policy on sex equality.

A senior teacher in Keighley, West Yorkshire, could face disciplinary action as a result of a scathing article he wrote in the *Telegraph* and *Argus*, Bradford, about the council's decision to appoint a sex equality adviser at a salary of £18,000 a year.

Mr Peter Thorpe, head of mathematics at Highfield middle school, who describes himself as a life-long Labour voter, said the adviser's appointment was a waste of taxpayers' money.

"It is clear that in spite of the vociferous efforts of rampant feminism and the todaying opportunism of local politicians, the great bulk of the population still acknowledges that men and women have natural leanings and

orientations," he declared in the article.

"It seems that the majority of girls are - many would think sensibly - following the traditional female role model - presented to them by their mothers and large numbers of early-years teachers."

He argued that "career-oriented" females should be stopped from imposing their values on others.

His views have met with a hostile reaction from the Labour-controlled Bradford council.

Mr Brian McAndrew, acting chief executive, said: "I am extremely disappointed with the article. I have asked the acting director of education to decide whether this is a matter which warrants disciplinary action."

Councillor Barrie Thorne, chairman of Highfield school's governors, has asked the school's head to interview Mr Thorpe about the article, and to tell him that it contravenes the council's policy on sex equality.

Channel 4 pulls out of schools film scheme

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Channel 4 Television has withdrawn a promise of support for a project by Mr David Puttnam, the film producer, to introduce film studies to schools.

Mr Paul Bonner, Channel 4 controller of programmes, said yesterday: "It is certainly a worthwhile project. But with the best will in the world, we could not see a precise enough connection between it and our primary objective of making programmes to justify diverting funds."

Mr Ian Wall, a film educationist, who has been coordinating the scheme, said that the prospects of it being launched were now receding.

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Portfolio Gold

Two share £12,000 jackpot

Two people shared prize money of £12,000 in Portfolio Gold yesterday after no winner was declared in the previous two days.

Mrs Dorothy Margaret Armstrong, aged 54, a teacher, of Middleton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, who has been playing the competition since it began, won at her first attempt after her return from holiday.

She said her £6,000 share would be very welcome.

Mrs Armstrong shared the money with Mrs Patsy Cooke, aged 34, a mother of four, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, who will use the money to help establish an alternative medical service.

Mrs Cooke, who was delighted with the news, said: "I feel like a million dollars." Readers who have difficulty in obtaining a Portfolio Gold card should send a stamped addressed envelope to:

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Mrs Cooke, money for medical service.

Ironing death brings plea from coroner

Mr Michael Rose, the Somerset Coroner, called for higher safety standards yesterday after hearing how Mrs Christine Way was electrocuted as she did her ironing. Mrs Way, aged 42, died in her garden last month as she did the ironing outdoors. Faulty wiring caused her extension socket to come alive. Recording a verdict of accidental death at the inquest in Taunton yesterday, Mr Rose urged people to buy circuit breakers. Such a device, if fitted to Mrs Way's iron cable, would have cut the current and saved her.

The inquest was told that Mrs Way's daughter Sarah, aged 13, found her mother dead in the garden of their home in Moakton Heathfield, near Taunton, when she came home from school.

In a statement read out at the inquest, she said her mother's body was on the lawn. A cable was running across her chest and she had turned blue.

Mr Douglas Sweet, who investigated the accident for the South-West Electricity Board, said a plug on the extension lead was wrongly wired, with the live and earth confused; a second lead had no earth.

That caused the metal extension socket to become live and had led to Mrs Way's death.

Leaking fuel catches fire on holiday jet

Passengers on board a Dan-Air jet were taken off the aircraft after fuel leaking from an engine ignited while it was preparing for take-off at Manchester airport yesterday.

The aircraft was being pushed back by a towing vehicle when the dripping fuel caught fire on the ground.

The 109 passengers, who had been on their way to Port Mahon in Minorca left the aircraft by the normal staircase. The captain shut down the engines and the fire was put out by ground engineers using fire extinguishers. A spokeswoman for the airline said: "The fire was contained and put out extremely quickly." The passengers left later on a replacement aircraft.

Boy, 2, saves sick mother

A boy aged two saved his mother after she fell into a diabetic coma yesterday.

Paul Wilcox, of Dukeries Crescent, Workson, Nottinghamshire, ran round to a neighbour's house and raised the alarm.

His mother, Mrs Paul Wilcox, was taken to hospital after a 999 call and was given emergency treatment. She later recovered.

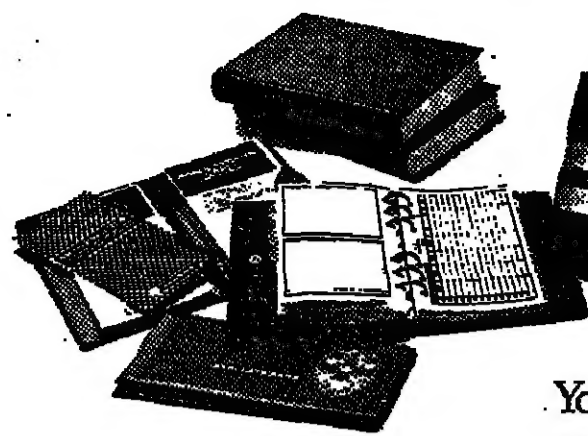
"The boy showed amazing presence of mind and courage," Mr Brian Wilkinson, an ambulance man, said later. "He realized urgent action was required. He is a little hero."

Police hurt as youths riot

Hundreds of youths were involved in a disturbance at Llanelli in west Wales yesterday in which four police officers were injured.

Trouble started when police tried to arrest a man on suspicion of causing criminal damage. Youths shouted abuse and hurled missiles. Nine people were arrested.

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The world ponders Gorbachov's initiative on arms race

US sees Soviet problems as aid to summit outcome

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan let slip a revealing remark the other day when asked about the prospects for success at a summit with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov. "I'm optimistic that we're going to make more progress than probably has been made in a number of years, because of some of the problems that are concerning the General Secretary at this time," he said.

The Administration is convinced that those problems are pressing, and lie behind the Soviet leader's new flexibility, his recent initiatives on arms control and his attempts to give a new direction to Soviet foreign policy. Soviet specialists here insist that the Soviet Union's economic problems are already grave and are worsening, with the sharp drop in oil prices seriously reducing Soviet hard currency earnings.

They say that Mr Gorbachov's economic reforms and attempts to get his country moving will not be possible if the present high level of arms spending increases.

They believe that he has to create some dynamism and to show a success in foreign affairs if he is to consolidate his power and overcome the negative effects of Chernobyl. President Reagan clearly believes these analysts. But within his Administration there are serious disagreements over how the US should take best advantage of Mr Gorbachov's difficulties.

The hardliners, whose influence is waning but who are by no means a spent force, have often argued that the US should tighten the screw, especially now, forcing the Russians to change their bad old ways and to undertake genuine reform at home.

They opposed the offer of subsidised grain to the Soviet Union. They would like America now to "hang tough" in arms negotiations, especially over the Strategic

Defence Initiative, knowing that the Russians cannot afford a new arms race.

The pragmatists have argued the exact opposite. They say that driving the Russian bear into a corner could have dangerous and unpredictable results.

Instead the US should take advantage of Soviet flexibility to seek genuine verifiable arms agreements, draw the Soviet Union back into a more stable and co-operative relationship and set a pattern for regular consultations.

Mr Reagan, who clearly wants a summit, is now inclined to take the latter advice. But he has been somewhat vexed by Mr Gorbachov's frequent new initiatives, which have not allowed the Americans to take the negotiating advantage.

The US response has therefore been ambiguous. On the one hand they have welcomed "positive elements" in Soviet proposals — on a 50 per cent cut in strategic missiles, on the reduction of troops in Afghanistan, on more openness over nuclear power.

But they have also regularly dismissed many such offers as

propaganda, warning their allies and Western opinion not to be duped by Moscow's constant attempts to split the Nato alliance.

Unlike the disharmony of two years ago, US arms control policies have been more closely co-ordinated with Nato allies, despite disagreements on SALT 2 and the interpretation of the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty. There is therefore less worry that new Soviet offers will throw the West into disarray again.

But now the battle seems to have moved on to home territory, with Congress playing an increasingly assertive role in arms control and foreign policy issues.

President Reagan has been against at recent moves by the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives to link funds for the Pentagon to specific arms control measures.

He complained that such votes were undermining his delegates at Geneva, and that Congress was giving away what Mr Gorbachov could not win at the negotiating table.



Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, giving a news briefing yesterday in Moscow. He said that the Soviet Union was disappointed at the United States' failure to respond positively to its extension of its nuclear test moratorium (Reuter reports).

propaganda was "very disappointing. But we are still full of hope that common sense and reason will prevail." Mr Gerasimov said that preparations were going ahead for a meeting in September between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. "Beyond that it's foggy. It's impossible to see," he said.

Bonn hails test ban extension

Bonn (Reuters) — West Germany's Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, welcomed yesterday the Soviet Union's extension of its nuclear test moratorium until January 1, and said that the move could be a useful step towards a complete ban on atomic testing.

Mr Gorbachov's address showed that the Russians were interested in arms control negotiations and in a meeting with Mr Reagan, he said.

"It is important now that contacts between the Americans and the Soviet Union lead to a closer approximation of views on verification," he said. "We would be happy if an agreement on a comprehensive test ban could be reached at a summit."

Herr Volker Ruehe, defence spokesman for Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, also welcomed Mr Gorbachov's proposal, and said he hoped that the West would respond constructively.

PARIS: The Ministry of Defence yesterday declined to comment on Mr Gorbachov's announcement (Susan MacDonald writes).

France continues to adhere to the position that the two major powers should reduce their nuclear arsenals to a level in line with other nuclear powers before France can become involved in discussions.

In a Kremlin speech during his visit to the Soviet Union last month, President Mitterrand made clear that France was proud of her independent nuclear deterrent. "France does not intend to let anybody determine the level of her dissuasive force," he said.

SDI warning puzzles experts

US defence analysts are puzzled by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's enigmatic warning that if necessary Moscow would respond to President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) programme by making the whole of it "pointless and useless".

On Monday the Soviet leader said on Moscow television that the Kremlin would find an answer to SDI and that it would not be "the kind of answer that the US is expecting".

American experts have been examining closely what counter-measures the Soviet Union could take.

Possibilities that Moscow might consider could include depressed-trajectory missiles; fast boosters which burn in about 75 seconds instead of four minutes; and coating missiles with heat-resistant material. Such measures would make the task of SDI weapons in shooting down incoming missiles much more difficult.

But a senior defence analyst said yesterday that Mr Gorbachov was probably thinking more of counter-measures which are not related to strategic ballistic missiles.

He said that the Soviet Union would probably deploy many more cruise missiles, which have low trajectories and are thus much more difficult to detect by radar.

His information was that the Soviet Union had already begun to deploy sea-launched cruise missiles.

The analyst added that the Soviet Union could also go in for more heavy strategic bombers; and also for more anti-satellite weapon systems, aimed at neutralizing any American SDI space stations. The Soviet Union main-

tains the world's only operational anti-ballistic missile system, around Moscow.

Soviet scientists have for years been carrying out research for the Soviet Union's own strategic defence systems. Pentagon officials said that the Soviet laser programme is much larger than US efforts, involving more than 10,000 scientists and engineers and more than a half dozen main research and development facilities and test ranges.

They estimated that this was costing Moscow the equivalent of about \$1 billion (£670 million) each year.

Officials added that Moscow was also performing research in particle beam weapons, radio frequency weapons, kinetic energy weapons, and computer and sensor technology.

LONDON: Responses to Mr Gorbachov's warning on SDI ranged from "it's just rhetoric" to "sure, he can do it" (Rodney Cowton writes).

One source said that the Soviet Union had maintained consistently that counter-measures against a strategic defence system would be fully effective, and would be cheaper and quicker to deploy than the defence system itself, on which the US has a \$26 billion programme.

He said that Mr Gorbachov's statement might be no more than a rephrasing of that long-held position.

But Mr John Pike, associate director for space policy at the Federation of American Scientists, said that the Soviet Union had several ways of seeking to counter an American strategic defence system.

An initial step would probably be greatly to increase the number of rockets, warheads and decoys which it deployed.

He said that the Soviet Union produced about 300 inter-continental ballistic missiles a year to maintain a force of about 1,400 operational missiles. This was because the liquid-fuelled rockets had a life of about five years, whereas a new generation of solid-fuelled rockets would have a storage life of 10 or even 15 years.

If the Soviet Union maintained its present production capacity it would be able to achieve a substantial increase in its ICBM arsenal within about four years.

An increase in numbers of rockets, warheads and decoys could threaten to overwhelm a defensive system. Such steps would be likely to be followed by the development of the "fast-burn" rocket booster, which would substantially reduce the boost phase of a missile's flight and make it invulnerable to certain kinds of space-based weapons.

This would reduce the most vulnerable period of a missile's flight and make it more difficult to attack the missile before it had released its warheads and decoys, which would hugely increase the number of targets to be dealt with by the defence.

A somewhat later stage of a Soviet response to an American strategic defence system, Mr Pike said, could be the deployment of directed energy weapons such as lasers initially on the ground but later in space, targeted on the enemy's defence platforms.

Other sources said that satellites in low orbit were vulnerable to attack, and that the Soviet Union in particular was already thinking increasingly of basing a strategic defence on earth rather than in space.

Fugitive's expulsion is blocked

From Martha Honey
San José

A Briton wanted by Scotland Yard in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery in 1983 remains in jail here after his lawyer blocked his deportation with a legal manoeuvre.

Costa Rican authorities had hoped to deport Mr John Robert Fleming, aged 45, to Miami on Monday night, but Señor Mario Ayala Torres, his lawyer, argued before the Supreme Court here that his arrest was illegal and demanded that he be released immediately.

Immigration authorities suspended the expulsion order pending a judicial decision, but they continued to keep Mr Fleming under arrest in an undisclosed location.

Costa Rica has no extradition treaty with Britain, but has a policy of deporting undesirable foreigners. From Miami fugitives can be legally extradited to Britain.

The press has not been allowed to talk to Mr Fleming, who is suspected of being responsible for the November 26, 1983, robbery of gold bars worth £26 million from a Brinks-Mat vehicle near Heathrow Airport.

He and a Spanish woman, Señora Leocadia Zaplana Aguilar, aged 23, were arrested outside a moderately priced hotel in San José on Saturday morning. The woman was later released without being charged and left the country, reportedly for Madrid.

Mr Fleming's arrest was assisted by a Scotland Yard detective who arrived here last week following a tip that the fugitive had fled here from Spain on July 25.

While in Spain Mr Fleming reportedly lived in a well-guarded luxury chalet in Benidorm on the Mediterranean coast.

In Costa Rica, however, he moved around without protection and stayed in several moderate and first-class hotels and beach resorts. Employees at two of the hotels described him as extremely calm, affable and polite.

Mr Fleming disappeared from Spain three weeks ago after his courts ruled that he would have to leave because of passport irregularities breaching the new Aliens Act.

Pretoria detainees could total 12,000

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The 8,500 people named in Parliament on Monday by the South African Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, as having been detained under the State of Emergency include only those held for more than 30 days; the total number of detainees could be much higher.

A spokesman for the Repression Monitoring Group in Cape Town, one of several independent bodies keeping a tally of detentions, said yesterday that the total number held since the emergency was declared on June 12 could be as high as 12,000.

The Government's decision to table the names in Parliament was not the result of political pressure but was to comply with a little-noticed clause in the Public Safety Act, under which the emergency was declared.

This stipulates that the names of detainees held for longer than 30 days must be released to Parliament within 14 days of the expiry of that period. Government officials said yesterday that they would in future publish weekly the names of each new batch of detainees who had completed 30 days in jail.

The reason the names were not tabled in Parliament sooner was because the legislature went into recess less than two weeks after the emergency was declared, and resumed its sitting only on Monday.

In fact, for some weeks several newspapers have been printing lists of people known to be in detention. The papers argued that the Government's statement that the detainees' next-of-kin were always informed amounted to "official disclosure".

The lists throw little light on the number still in detention. Nor is any information given on the age, place of arrest, length of detention, occupation or political affiliation of detainees. Only the bare letter of the law has been complied with.

What does appear to be clear is that the rate of arrest is far higher than during the previous partial State of Emergency from July 21, 1985, to March 7 this year when, according to police figures, 7,996 people, 2,100 of them under the age of 16, were detained.

On the basis of the limited data released by the Government, it would seem that more people have been detained during the first two months of the present emergency than during the whole 7½ months of the last one.

South African 'agents' blamed for Swazi raid

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

About 10 armed men, both white and black, who crossed the border illegally from South Africa, were said yesterday by Swazi sources to have been responsible for raids last weekend on houses and offices in Mbatane, the capital of Swaziland.

Assistant Superintendent Solly Mkhonta, of the Swazi police, said that one of the targets of the raiders was a building housing the offices of a Scandinavian-backed organization which arranges scholarships for Swazis and South African refugees.

Swaziland television on Monday night quoted informed sources as speculating that the raiders might have been South African agents looking for information on African National Congress (ANC) sympathizers.

A spokesman for the South African Defence Force in Pretoria said yesterday that it was policy neither to confirm nor deny such allegations.

Last Thursday the Swazis announced that a separate group of 10 men had attacked a police station in western Swaziland and released three ANC members being held there.

Nobel men unite in support for Darwin

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The monkey trials are back in court. Nobel Prize-winners and scientific organizations have urged the US Supreme Court to throw out a Louisiana law that would require schools to teach "creation science" as well as evolution.

In the latest twist to a battle that has raged through the pulpits and schools of the old South ever since Charles Darwin published his treatise, America's scientific community has taken up arms against this latest fundamentalist attempt to balance the monkeys with the angels.

What Louisiana calls "creation science" is not science but religion, they maintain — the Genesis story retold in pseudo-scientific terms.

The laureates include almost all the living Americans with Nobel awards. They are believed to form the largest such group brought together in support of a cause.

The Supreme Court agreed earlier this year to hear an appeal in the case, after two lower courts declared unconstitutional the Louisiana law, passed in 1981, to "balance" the teaching of evolution.

The first amendment to the US Constitution forbids the "establishment" of a religion, generally taken to mean that schools cannot favour one religion over another.

The scientists said "creation science" was not only religious but was also based on specifically Christian fundamentalist beliefs.

Picasso painting found unharmed

Melbourne (Reuters) — Picasso's "Weeping Woman", stolen from the Victorian National Gallery 16 days ago, has been found in a railway station locker after an anonymous telephone tip-off.

A group calling itself "Australian Cultural Terrorists" had claimed responsibility for the theft of the £1 million work.

The gallery director, Mr Patrick McCaughey, was with police when they removed the 1937 oil painting from the locker and confirmed that it was the missing Picasso. It had not been damaged.

Friends again

London — Britain and Guatemala have renewed diplomatic relations at consular level after a five-year break arising from the Central American state's claim to territory of the neighbouring former British colony of Belize.

Defence chief

Moscow (Reuters) — The former commander of Soviet troops in East Germany, General Pyotr Lushev, whose appointment as a First Deputy Defence Minister emerged at the weekend, has replaced Marshal Vasily Fetov, who worked without portfolio.

Strike broken

Perth (Reuters) — More than 300 sacked workers have ended their occupation of a giant natural gas rig after having been threatened with heavy fines. They began leaving by helicopter.

Militant free

Washington (AP) — Mr Stokely Carmichael, the former American black militant, has been released from jail in Guinea after three days of detention.

Nuclear tour

Hong Kong (Reuters) — A left-wing Hong Kong newspaper, *Wen Wei Po*, is organizing tours to the site of the proposed nuclear power plant at Daya Bay, 30 miles inside China, which has alarmed many citizens.

Death leap

Philadelphia (AP) — Robert McPeake, a defendant in a rape case, bolted across a courtyard, dived through a window and plunged six floors to his death as the jury was returning a guilty verdict.

Mine trap

Managua (AFP) — Seven civilians died and three others were injured when their vehicle ran over a mine believed to have been planted by Contra guerrillas fighting the Sandinista Government.

Rural view

Peking (Reuters) — Thirty million rural households in China — nearly one in nine — have television, according to a report to a conference.

TV break

Port Moresby (Reuters) — The Papua New Guinea Government rushed new laws through Parliament to prevent the introduction of television into the South Pacific country until January 1988.

Sun power

Moscow (AFP) — A new solar energy oven near Kiev, the Ukrainian city contaminated by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, is about to start baking bread and pastries, turning out loaves in 20 to 22 minutes and baking pastries in 16 to 18 minutes.

Old bones

Prague (AP) — A grave with three skeletons, estimated to be about 25,000 years old, has been discovered at Dolni Vestonice in southern Moravia.

Seeing red

Brussels (Reuters) — A bull that charged a bright red fire-engine in Dorpsstraat, in north-west Belgium, caused £5,000 damage.

Museveni strengthens Libyan economic ties

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

If Uganda does bring in Libyan oil products, it will upset the existing marketing framework in East Africa. Kenya's oil refinery at Mombasa, which normally supplies Uganda, gets its crude from the Gulf.

The Museveni Government has tended to play down suggestions that it is forming close links with Libya. But the presence of Libyan financial experts, doctors and other specialists in Uganda indicates strengthening ties.

Libya formed a close relationship with the dictator, Idi Amin, when he was in power in the 1970s, and even sent troops to fight at his side when he was being overthrown by a Tanzanian force.

Kampala sources say that they expect Libya to offer oil to Uganda on easy terms in order to ease the country's balance of payments problems.

Bank workers held in £5m shares fraud

Stockholm (AP) — Four people have been arrested in what may be Sweden's largest bank coup: the stealing, selling and stealing again of forestry shares worth up to £5.3 million.

Police said yesterday that two employees at the Forenärskas Bank headquarters stole shares of a forestry concern that were brought in for invalidation.

But instead of invalidating the shares, the employees stole them and sent them to a firm in Lund, which sold them to genuine stock exchange dealers, police said.

The dealers then, under the computerization scheme, handed in their shares to the bank, where some of them were sold again.

Chirac gives his pack a small shuffle

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

The Elysée Palace yesterday announced a mini-shuffle, the first since M Jacques Chirac's Government came to power.

M Bernard Bosson, who was a secretary of state at the Interior Ministry, has been moved to the Foreign Ministry to fill the new post of Minister for European Affairs. M Yves Galland replaces him at the Interior Ministry.

M Camille Cabana, his job as Privatization Minister complete, has been moved to the Prime Minister's Office.

M Jacques Boyon has been made secretary of state at the Defence Ministry and M Gérard Longuet has become junior minister at the Ministry of Industry.



King Birendra of Nepal, right, lighting a peace torch in Kathmandu yesterday. The torch will be taken as far as possible up the Mt Everest route followed by the climbers H. L. Mallory and J. Irvine in 1924 to commemorate the United Nations International Year of Peace. Looking on at left is Sherpa Nawang Yongden, the first Nepalese to climb the world's highest peak during winter.

Israel tries to rid itself of troublesome Black Hebrews

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Israel has begun a new attempt to rid itself of its most embarrassing and menacing community of illegal immigrants, the Black Hebrews. Hunger and the reputation of American-organized crime are now proving allies of the law in tackling a problem which has refused to go away in the 17 years since the first members of the cult arrived to claim a rightful place in what they insisted was their Kingdom of Israel.

The cult originated in the black ghettos of Chicago in the early 1960s. It was the brainchild of a young metallurgist called Gerson Parker, who evangelized in his spare time, and who had a dream of his own one day when an old man asked him if he had ever heard of the ancient black Israelites.

By 1967 that dream had become a strange kind of reality as 134 followers of the founder, now renamed Ben-Ami Carter, pooled their resources and moved to Liberia, where they built a 300-acre settlement on land 80 miles from Monrovia.

This, their leader told them, was a direct parallel to what happened to their Jewish forefathers when they left slavery in Egypt to wander in the desert before arriving in the land of Israel.

They were leaving the slavery of the United States, spending time in the wilderness, and then returning to the kingdom from which their ancestors had been expelled 4,000 years before. The Israelis, he told them, were the usurpers of that kingdom.

After two years in Liberia the first black Hebrews arrived at Lod airport. In best

biblical tradition they had sent ahead a spy, who discovered that under Israeli law they were able as Jews to claim migrant rights. Ben-Ami Carter, let them in while an investigation began into their Jewishness.

A month later some 50 women and children arrived and in March 1970, they were followed by 70 men led by Ben-Ami Carter.

While research went on into their background, they were granted three-month tourist visas and allocated flats in the Negev development town of Dimona. The visas expired, but they stayed on. And a few hundred more arrived as tourists from the United States.

The tiny flats were bursting at the seams, and neighbours began to complain about the noise, sewage and squalor conditions. By the end of October 1971, the Ministry of the

Interior decided to get rid of them. It has proved an almost impossible task.

Under their charismatic leader they have closed ranks and multiplied. They have no identity cards and do not register births or deaths, so their exact number is unknown. But as many as 3,000 of them are now estimated to be living in towns around the Negev desert.

They are ruled by 12 "princes", who form the "divine council" administering their pooled income derived from selling jewellery, leather goods, records of their jazz group or wages paid to male members working at the Dead Sea potash works (the cult calls it the Live Sea).

They are vegans and polygamists, with the men allowed up to seven wives and the women expected to give birth once a

year — usually in an air-raid shelter to the sound of tom-toms played to hide any sounds of screaming.

Ben-Ami Carter is now in his mid-40s and has mellowed with the years. Ten years ago he bombarded world leaders from President Carter to Idi Amin with complaints of Israeli racism. Today he says he wants the group to integrate, if it can only be allowed to remain.

A government report six years ago recommended that they be granted citizenship, apart from those with a criminal background, on condition that no new settlers came. But the report gathers dust and the Ministry of the Interior, now headed by an ultra-orthodox Rabbi, Mr Yitzhak Peretz, wants them out.

The method chosen is to pick off those who leave the desert settlements to look for

work and to deport them for having no proper entry or work visas. The High Court has just upheld deportation orders against 46 men arrested in this way last April.

Breadwinners are being forced to look for jobs because more than 80 per cent have been made unemployed since April.

This month their reputation in Israel has been further sullied by the conviction of eight of the 30,000 members claimed by the group in the US on a multi-million dollar ticket fraud, allegedly linked with organized crime.

But as deportation orders are carried out against the male members of what this proudly democratic country should do with the 600 or more children born in air-raid shelters to the sound of tom-toms on Israeli soil.

EEC butter mountain reaches record peak as dairies exceed quota

From Jonathan Brande, Brussels

The EEC butter mountain has reached new heights over the past few weeks, topping 1.3 million tonnes for the first time as dairies sell more and more unwanted butter to EEC stores.

Figures released by the European Commission in Brussels yesterday show that publicly-owned stores of surplus butter totalled 1,358,000 tonnes at the end of July, an increase of 30,000 tonnes in the space of a month.

EEC dairy committee figures show that stocks have continued to rise since then and reached 1,363,000 tonnes by August 14.

Meanwhile, stocks stored privately by dairies with the aid of EEC subsidies have been rising even faster, bringing the total butter stockpile to 1.4 million tonnes by the middle of this month. Privately-held butter stocks are

increasing at a rate of more than 6,000 tonnes a week.

At the same time, milk powder stocks have also been rising inexorably. By August 14 they topped a million tonnes, more than double the amount of a year ago.

Ironically, the increase in stocks comes at a time when the introduction of milk production quotas has cut EEC milk output by more than six million tonnes a year, although farmers have exceeded production quotas this year for the first time since they were introduced in 1984.

Mr Carlo Trojan, chief adviser to the EEC agriculture commissioner, has recently blamed the increase in stocks on shrinking export markets.

While EEC farmers have cut milk production, he told an EEC dairy trade conference in May, the United States, Australia, New Zealand and

the Nordic countries, the Community's Market's main competitors on the dairy market, have increased their share of world exports.

In an attempt to win back markets and to reduce stocks, the EEC recently announced measures, including special cut-price offers to the Soviet Union, India and the Middle East of butter for use as calf feed at the equivalent of 2.5 pence a half-pound packet.

Consumers have also benefited from sales of cheap "concentrated" butter for cooking, while food processors have been tempted to replace vegetable oils with butter and milk-powder.

But EEC stores still represent an attractive guaranteed market for surplus produce, and the dairy policy continues to account for almost a quarter of the EEC's agricultural budget.

Moscow angry at Jewish claims

Moscow (Reuters) — The Soviet Union has no plans for further talks with Israel after Monday's first meeting in Helsinki between the two countries for almost 20 years, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, a ministry spokesman, accused Israel of "unjustifiable interference" on the issue of Soviet Jewry. He said there would be no more discussion of consular ties with Israel after the 90-minute talks.

His statement contrasted sharply with a comment on Monday by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, who described the Helsinki talks as a good beginning of dialogue with Moscow.

Violence engulfs Bhutto stronghold

From Michael Hamlyn
Thane Adam, Pakistan

Men of Pakistan's Baluch Regiment in machine-guns mounted Jeeps finally restored order last night to this little agricultural town 150 miles into the interior of Sind province, north of Karachi, after two days of violence and counter-violence by rival political groups.

On Monday, after the call of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of Miss Benazir Bhutto to start protests at her arrest, a mob 2,000 strong assembled at the crossroads and began a programme of mayhem.

When the police came to disperse it, the crowd itself opened fire with Kalashnikovs and shotguns. Two policemen were killed on the spot and one was seriously injured. The police opened fire in return, wounding a number of demonstrators.

The protesters scattered, took to the rooftops and began sniping at police, while bands of 200 or so began systematically burning government property. They burnt the offices of the national bank, the water and power development authority, three shops, and an Urdu school.

The violence mirrored events taking place elsewhere in the province, which is the stronghold of Miss Bhutto's party.

In several towns and villages angry mobs burnt banks and other buildings. They blocked the main "super highway" from Karachi to neighbouring Punjab with



A supporter of Miss Bhutto comes in for rough treatment from police in Karachi yesterday.

trees, and at one place burst open a small reservoir and flooded the road.

The main Karachi-Lahore railway was cut in ten places by crowds who simply unscrewed the fishplates, removed the rails and burnt the sleepers.

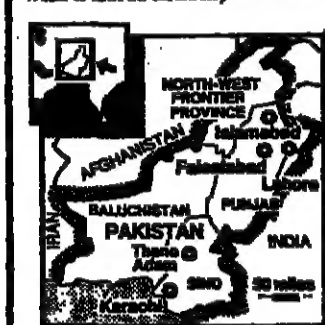
Yesterday in Thane Adam the inhabitants were bitterly counting the cost. Like many interior Sind towns the population is largely Urdu-speaking, and not indigenous Sindhi. They are Mohajirs, those immigrants (or their children) who crossed into

Pakistan at the time of Partition in 1947.

Among the Mohajirs support for the authoritarian rule of General Zia ul-Haq (who was himself born in what is now Indian Punjab) runs strongly.

The inhabitants bitterly resented the PPP attacks on their town on Monday, which they said were carried out by Sindhi-speaking outsiders from the villages around.

So yesterday another mob rampaged through the town, this time shouting slogans like "Zia zindabad, Benazir marud" ("Long live Zia, death to Benazir"). They set fire to a paint store owned by a known PPP supporter, which blazed with a fierce ardour, and thick



black smoke. Two other shops belonging to PPP men were also broken into before the police and the Army came on the scene.

For a time the forces of law and order seemed content to stand by and let the pro-government mob get on with its destructive games, but the local magistrate, Mr Muhammad Ibrahim Memon, urged them into action, yelling: "Go and arrest them. Arrest them."

Last night the town stirred uneasily under a tightly-imposed curfew.

Mr Muhammad Shah Anzori, Karachi convener of the ten-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), yesterday emerged from hiding to give a press conference in the city, in which he said that at least 25 people had died since the start of the disturbances on Pakistan's Independence Day last Thursday.

Israel and Egypt play snap over arbitrators

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

On the neutral ground of Geneva, Israeli and Egyptian negotiators are playing a diplomatic game of snap. The aim of the game is to agree on the international arbitrators who will decide which of the two countries has sovereign rights over the border resort of Taba on the Gulf of Aqaba.

The rules have been agreed with the United States, which is acting as referee. The players must choose three people whom both countries will accept as impartial in resolving the complicated dispute, with its references to the Ottoman Empire, Lawrence of Arabia, the British Mandate in Palestine and the series of wars in the area since Israel came into being in 1948.

The United States has given each country a secret list of 30 names. It is rumoured that it includes such figures as Dr Henry Kissinger, but nobody on the list has been told that his or her name is on it.

Each country is now handing in to the Americans a choice of names from the list. Neither side knows which the other has chosen, nor do the Americans say which names they have been given. But as soon as a name appears on both lists that person is chosen automatically.

So far each side has nominated six people, but none of them coincides. When they eventually do, the arbitration agreement between the two countries will at last be ready for signing and a meeting between Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Mubarak of Egypt will be arranged.

The "cold peace" which has continued between the two countries since the Camp David agreements were signed in 1978 is expected to warm up and the stalled Middle East peace process could well get under way again.

The stakes in this particular session of snap must be among the highest in the history of the game.

● CHICAGO: US authorities are said to be investigating an attempt by Israeli military officers to steal plans for a sophisticated airborne spy camera system from a US defence plant (AP reports).

The Chicago Tribune, citing government officials, said that the US Customs Service was investigating the theft attempt. ABC News has carried a similar report, but Customs officials would not comment yesterday.

Security officers at Recon Optical in Barrington, Illinois, stopped three Israeli Air Force officers as they were leaving the plant on May 27 and confiscated 50,000 pages of technical drawings and notes handwritten in Hebrew, the newspaper reported.

Recon had filed a lawsuit in New York accusing the Israelis of having tried to steal the technology used in a secret aerial reconnaissance system that was being developed for Israel by Recon, the newspaper said.

Mr Jeffrey Fillman, a New York City lawyer who represents Israel, said that the accusation was false.

20 killed by car bomb in Tehran rush hour

Tehran (Reuters) — Twenty people were killed and many others wounded when a car bomb exploded in a busy square in central Tehran yesterday, Tehran Radio said.

The blast ripped through morning rush-hour traffic in Ferdowsi Square, shattering windows of nearby buildings and setting ablaze several vehicles.

Some of the casualties were on a passing bus caught in the blast, the deadliest bomb attack reported in Iran this year.

The radio accused "American agents" of having planted the bomb in a Jivan car, the locally built version of a Citroen 2CV.

Informed sources cited by Irna, the Iranian news agency, said the device contained more than 50 lb of TNT and was detonated by a timer.

Four previous explosions have claimed five lives in Tehran this year, and a car bomb blast killed 13 and wounded about 100 in the holy city of Qom, in central Iran, on Saturday.

Tehran newspapers said that several suspects had been arrested in connection with the Qom explosion.

● LONDON: The Mujahedin Khalq, an Iranian left-wing opposition group, said it condemned "any form of bombing in public places causing the deaths of innocent people" and denied an involvement with recent explosions.

"By relating such acts of terrorism to the People's Mujahedin, the (Tehran) regime seeks to pave the way for the execution of yet more political prisoners," it said.

Vatican bars professor

From Michael Binyon
Washington

The Vatican has stripped an American professor who challenged Church teaching on abortion and contraception of his right to teach theology at a Roman Catholic university here or at any other pontifical institution.

A Vatican announcement said that the dissent of Father Charles Curran (right) over sexual ethics made him no longer "suitable or eligible to teach Catholic theology".

The decision, approved by the Pope on July 10, comes after six years of sometimes heated negotiation between Father Curran and the Church.

On several occasions he has publicly and emphatically refused Vatican demands that he retract dissenting positions on such issues as divorce, abortion, contraception and premarital sex.



The action was announced on Monday evening by Archbishop James Hickey of Washington, Chancellor of the university.

Father Curran, who was support from the Catholic Theological Society of America, may stay on the university staff in a position not directly under the Archbishop's control.



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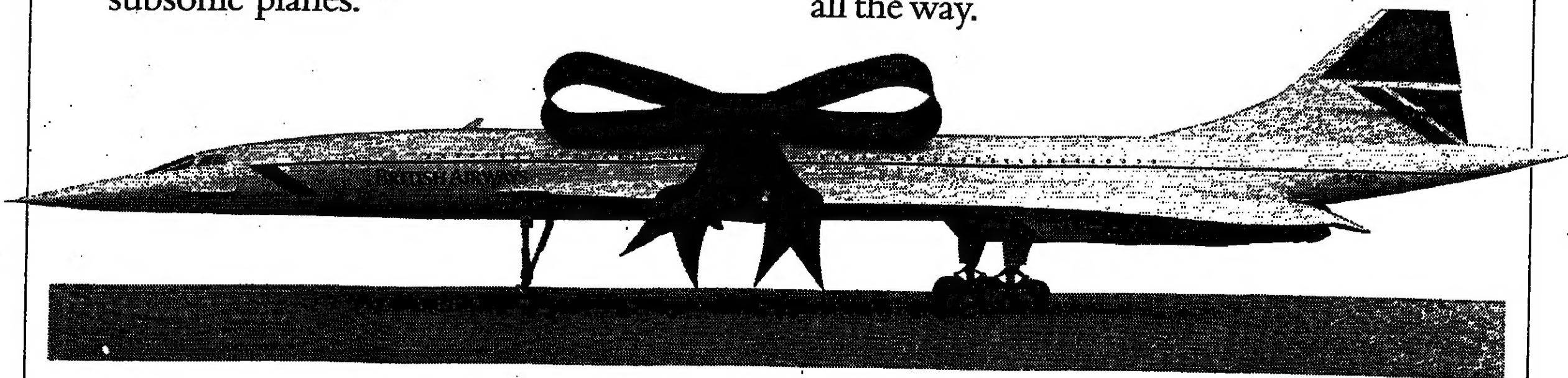
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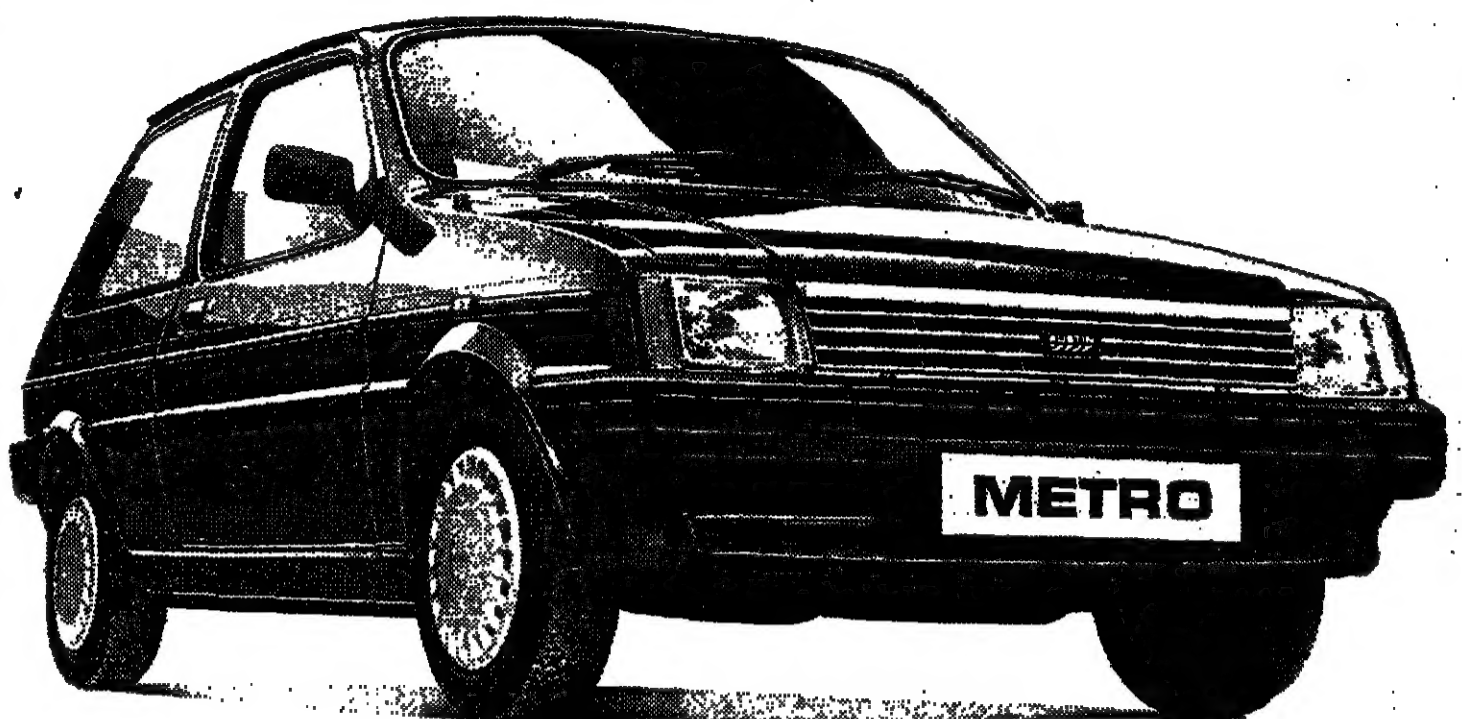


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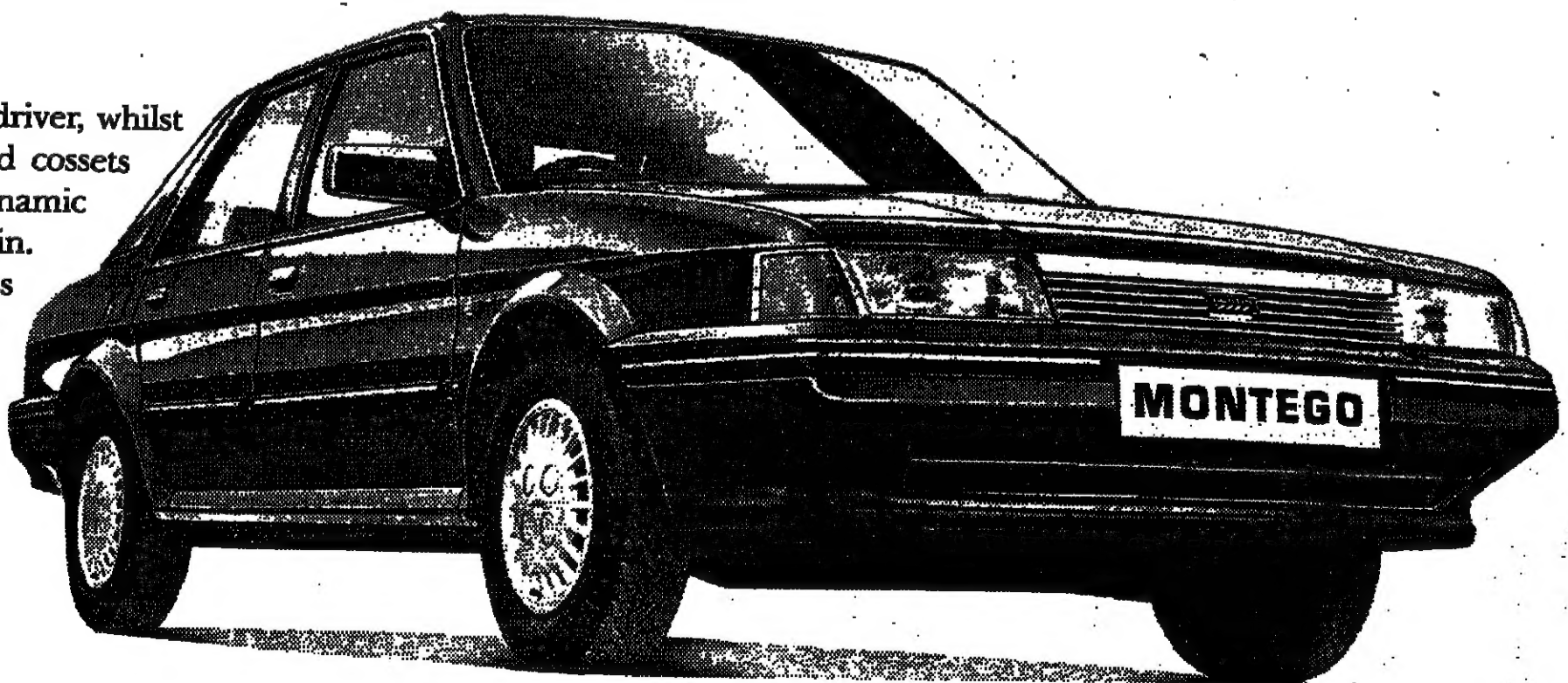


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Stacking the odds against a test ban

America has made an average of four nuclear warheads every day for 40 years. But, as Keith Hindley explains, many scientists think Washington's coolness towards the Gorbachov call for a test moratorium is justified

At first sight, the scene could be from any western. The morning sun lights the bluff rocks of the mesa walls. Only scrawny grass, yucca, mesquite and Joshua trees sprout on the arid valley floor. An eagle circles while, far off, dust from a group of Mustangs drifts away. The distant mountains already shimmer as the crushing heat builds.

A closer look reveals several square miles pock-marked with hundreds of small craters and criss-crossed with dirt roads. Diggers, trucks, drilling rigs and temporary buildings are everywhere—but this is no civilian construction site. Yucca Flat, Nevada, is where the United States's nuclear weapons are tested, and in recent years business has been booming.

At 8.30 every morning, more than 9,000 people start work here. They include scientists, engineers and armed security guards but most are construction workers preparing fresh shafts for upcoming "shots" or "bogies".

The United States explodes about 15 big nuclear devices every year (up from eight a year in the 1970s) and with perhaps a dozen small battlefield weapons. And the rate is rising. In all, the US Department of Energy spends \$2 million a day (about £1.3 million) to run the Yucca Flat test site.

Responsibility for the design, development and production of nuclear warheads lies mainly with the US Department of Energy (DoE). Bombs are designed at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

The political influence that the resultant gigantic—and autonomous—nuclear industry generates is so great that many politicians and scientists believe that Ameri-

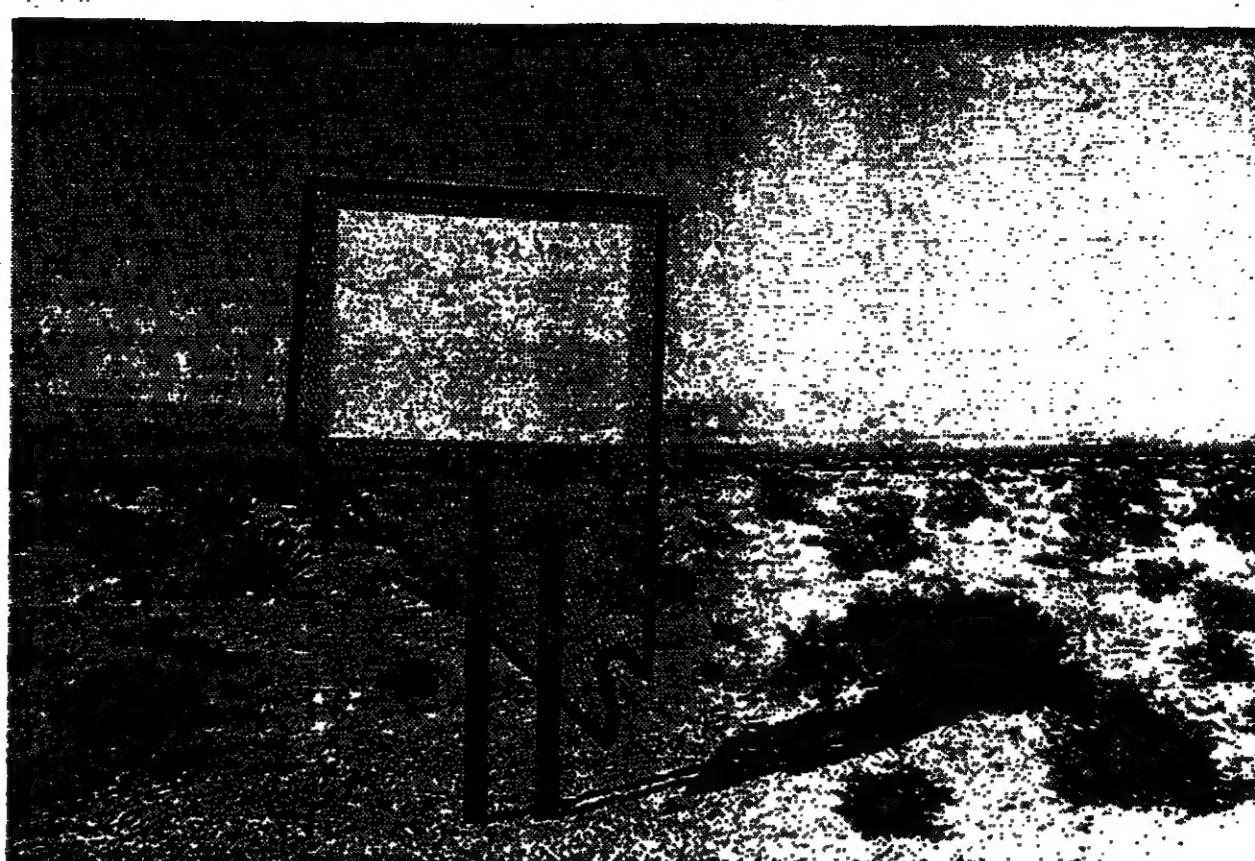
can warhead research is out of control. In the 40 years since the first atom bombs, the Americans have built 60,850 nuclear warheads at a cost, in 1986 dollars, of \$217 billion. That is four bombs every day for 40 years. Add to this \$1,860 billion for delivery systems such as planes, missiles and submarines and the grand total is \$2,080 billion.

The current stockpile is 26,200 warheads and is rising. Since 1963, the superpowers have tested nuclear warheads only underground. Planning for a "shot" takes about 14 months. A spot is chosen and then a large hole some nine feet across is sunk from several hundred to more than a thousand feet deep. A six-storey portable building or "bogy tower" is moved into place and the test bomb, salted with chemical traces, is installed at the bottom of the shaft.

A diagnostic cannister, in reality a 200 tonne miniature physics laboratory, is lowered on top of the bomb. About 140 leads run to the "red shack", an advance post close to ground zero and on to the "war room", a control centre in a path between two mesas near by. The shaft is sealed with sand and rock.

On test day the site is cleared. Two engineers sitting in the red shack draw numbered counters from a black bag. This generates a six-figure code that is used to activate the "arm enable" sequence in the computer. In the war room, the range officer for the day—a DoE official—checks security, weather, scientists and engineers before giving the go-ahead. The six-figure code then arms the bomb and starts a 15-minute countdown.

The explosion creates a 100ft cavity deep underground and this collapses to generate the slump crater on the surface. The cannister



Nuclear state Nevada outlines the risk of straying into the Yucca Flat testing ground, America's atomic backyard

sensors record the bomb explosion in the few milliseconds of a second before they are destroyed. Gases are sniffed through tubes buried with the cables and the heart of the explosion is drilled to study the chemical traces.

An increasing number of tests involve tunnels driven into Rainier Mesa, overlooking Yucca Flat. Small battlefield bombs are tested in this way, buried except for a tapered steel pipe, 10in across near the bomb but 14ft across at the entrance. As the bomb explodes, a pulse of magnetic waves and radiation passes along the tube before it seals. Recent research suggests that such pulses could disable modern micro-electronics and so military equipment can be checked and "hardened" against damage.

The two weapons laboratories are run by the University of California for the Department of Energy. Bubbling with pride and new schemes, they attract brilliant young physicists and boast high-powered computing

facilities. They also have little time for any kind of nuclear test ban.

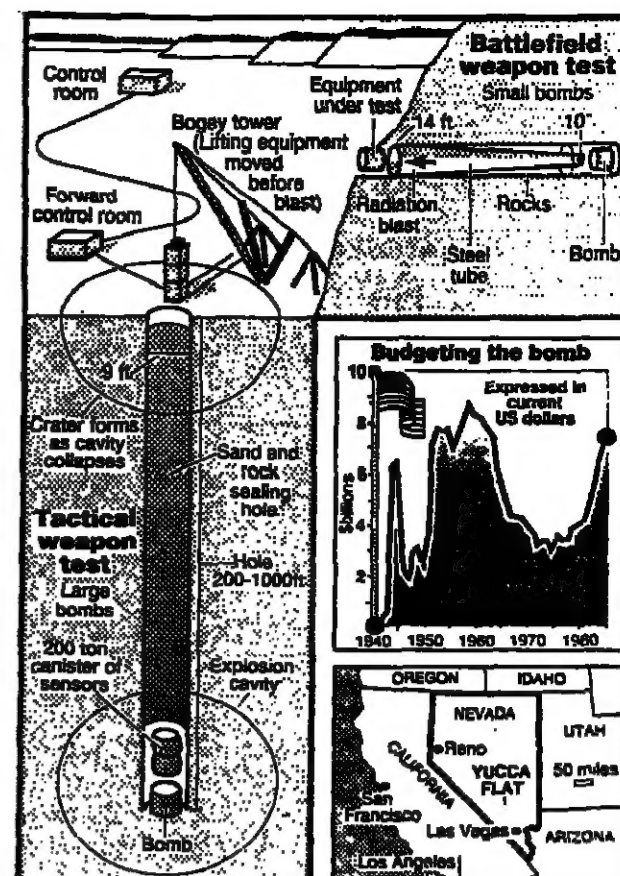
"Right now, the nuclear weapons programme is more exciting to work in than I've ever known it", says Paul Robinson, a principal associate director at Los Alamos.

"There are lots of new ideas being looked at in offensive uses, defence and defence suppression. A comprehensive test ban would prohibit our most important experiments. As experimentalists we

would have little productive research to do. A ban is the wrong way to go. It distracts from the real aim of reducing the stockpiles of nuclear weapons".

In terms of physics, the research is undoubtedly fascinating. Nuclear explosions generate conditions that cannot be duplicated in the laboratory. Bombs produce blast, heat and radiation, and a warhead optimizing whatever factors are required can now be designed.

Problems like deterioration make testing essential, according to many experts. But their views are not shared by every-



one. A group of prominent American physicists is adamant that continued nuclear testing is unnecessary. "Such explosions", says Nobel laureate Hans Bethe, "have never revealed problems that did not show up during non-nuclear tests and maintenance".

Hugh DeWitt, a physicist at Lawrence Livermore, believes his own group to have dominated the thinking behind US arms policy. "The laboratories' management has

repeatedly convinced politicians over the years that high technology can provide national security; that technological solutions to the arms race are a better bet than political solutions through negotiations", DeWitt says.

"Many new ideas for Star Wars originated here at Livermore. This race is damaging both superpowers economically and can only sow distrust. The risks are too great".

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Detainee release cheers Zapu

Harare inches towards unity

From a Correspondent, Harare

The sudden release from detention on Monday of 10 prominent Zimbabweans accused of plotting to overthrow the Government has made clear that the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, is serious about concluding long-stalled unity talks between his ruling Zanu party and the Zapu party of the opposition leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo.

Mr Mugabe also promised to review the cases of all those detained under security laws or held for "political" crimes. Hundreds of Mr Nkomo's supporters qualify for such a review. Some of them, Mr Mugabe said, could be released almost immediately.

Mr Nkomo was not available for comment yesterday,

but another influential Zapu official said that something akin to Mr Mugabe's gesture had been sought since the two groups began discussing unity late last year.

"Zanu's attitude now is one of peace... unity is just a matter of time, possibly a very short time," said the Zapu official, who asked not to be identified.

There is speculation that an agreement could even be concluded before the eighth summit of the 101-nation Non-Aligned Movement, which begins in Harare under Mr Mugabe's chairmanship a week today.

The men just released include three Zimbabwe National Army brigadiers and

four of Mr Nkomo's most trusted party officials.

But noticeably absent from their ranks is Mr Dumiso Dabengwa, Mr Nkomo's Soviet-trained intelligence chief during the Rhodesian war and the only man thought capable of taking over leadership of the minority Ndebele tribe that is Zapu's power base once "the old man" steps down.

He has been behind bars since 1982, despite his acquittal in a Harare High Court the following year of charges that he had plotted a coup.

Mr Dabengwa is distrusted—some say feared—by many in Zanu. His release could be the last act before a unity agreement, or the epilogue immediately following a deal.

UN fear on Cambodia refugees

Bangkok (Reuters) — Countries which have promised to resettle refugees cannot meet Thailand's deadline at the end of the year for moving 26,000 Cambodians out of a camp it wants to close, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Mr Gerald Walter, the UNHCR representative in Thailand, says that 5,000 Cambodians at most might be settled this year.

Thailand said in June that it would close Khao I Dang camp, near the Thai-Cambodia border, at the end of the year and send remaining refugees to join in temporary border camps the 250,000 Cambodians not eligible for resettlement.

The camp's closure and the removal of the refugees was not definite, he said. Thailand, the UNHCR and resettlement countries would continue to search for a durable solution for Khao I Dang's population. Thailand has been the country of first asylum for most refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos since the 1975 communist takeovers.

Since 1975, the United States has resettled about a million refugees. More than 140,000 Cambodians have been given new homes abroad since Khao I Dang camp was opened in 1979.

Thailand considers Indo-Chinese refugees both an economic and security burden and has tried to discourage them by giving refugee status only to clear-cut political refugees or those with sponsors abroad.

Aquino ends sweep after families flee

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Aquino yesterday suspended military operations against Communist rebels in a southern Philippines town in which six civilians have died in the crossfire and from which 1,000 families have fled.

Her suspension order, the first she has so far issued, followed the warning of the Political Affairs Minister, Mr Antonio Cuenco, that military actions in eight villages near Calamba town, 480 miles south of Manila, were "causing displacement and hardship".

About 6,000 people had fled their homes and were sheltering in the town centre. He said that six refugees had died.

Some of the victims were hit by military mortar fire directed against hideouts of the

Communist New People's Army, the state-run Philippine news agency reported.

Air transport officials announced yesterday that an airport in the northern home province of the deposed leader, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, was closed indefinitely to light aircraft landings amid persistent rumours that Mr Marcos intended to return from exile.

Mr Marcos meanwhile has been accused of having diverted millions of dollars in Japanese war reparations to secret Swiss bank accounts during his 20 years in office.

"We have evidence to show some of the reparation payments were diverted to Swiss banks," the chairman of the Commission on Good Government, Mr Jovito Salonga, told a press conference.

Sikh kills 13 of family over extremist link

Delhi (AP) — A Sikh man killed 13 members of his family, including eight children, in Uttar Pradesh because they opposed his alleged links with Sikh terrorists.

The United News of India reported yesterday that Mr Gurmit Singh attacked his family with a sword on Sunday night after drinking with an unidentified friend, who is said to be an extremist and to have helped in the killing.

Burkina Faso denies crisis after shuffle

Ouagadougou (AP) — President Sankara of Burkina Faso has dissolved his Government and named three long-standing collaborators to act as "general co-ordinators".

In a decree on Monday, he said that affairs would be handled by civil servants with the co-ordinators, Captain Blaise Compaore, Major Jean-Baptiste Boukary Lingant and Captain Henri Zongo.

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SPECTRUM II



THE HARVEST OF SORROW

By Robert Conquest

Part Three: The Cover-Up

Stalin's slaughter of the Soviet peasantry took place under an umbrella of lies so effective that even most Western reporters either could not or would not convey its significance. Others, like Sidney and Beatrice Webb, became apologists. And the terror sent an echo down the years which even today haunts the Kremlin's corridors.



"They had gone over the country like a swarm of locusts and taken away everything edible": carts taking away grain

As silent as the grave

Stalin had a profound grasp of what Hitler approvingly called the Big Lie, and the terror famine with which he killed millions in the Ukraine and other regions in the early 1930s was the first major instance of the exercise of this technique of influencing public opinion. Every effort was made to persuade the West that no famine was taking place, and later that none had taken place.

Even in 1932 it was not feasible to keep all foreigners out of the famine areas, and a number of true accounts reached western Europe and America. In most cases, journalists could not both keep their visas and reveal the facts, although Malcolm Muggeridge, who sent some of his reports out through the British diplomatic bag, reported: "The battlefield is as desolate as in any war and stretches wider... on the one side, millions of starving peasants, their bodies often swollen from lack of food; on the other, soldier members of OGPU carrying out the instructions of the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"They had gone over the country like a swarm of locusts and taken away everything edible; they had shot or exiled thousands of peasants, sometimes whole villages; they had reduced some of the most fertile land in the world to a melancholy desert."

In the Soviet Union, no word about the famine was allowed to appear in the Press or elsewhere. People who referred to it were subject to arrest for anti-Soviet propaganda, usually being sentenced to five or more years in labour camps.

In 1933 a soldier serving in Fedosia in the Crimea received a letter from his wife, describing the deaths of neighbours and the miserable condition of herself and their child. The political officer seized the letter and next day had the soldier denounce it as a forgery. The wife and son did not survive.

One agronomist, bullied for sending a sick messenger, replied that the whole village was starving. The response was: "There is no starvation in the Soviet Union."

Arthur Koestler, who was in Khar'kov in 1933-34, wrote that it gave him a most unusual feeling to read the local papers, full of pictures of young people smiling under banners and reports of awards to shock-brigades, but "not

one word about the local famine, epidemics, the dying out of whole villages... the enormous land was covered with a blanket of silence."

Outside the Soviet Union, the denials were hot and strong. The Soviet embassy in Washington claimed that the Ukraine's population had increased by 2 per cent per annum during the early 1930s, and that it had the lowest death-rate of any Soviet republic.

Stalin was also abetted by many Westerners who for one reason or another wished to deceive or be deceived. In the huge work - *Soviet Communism: A New Civilization?* by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, which followed their visit to the Soviet Union in 1932 and 1933 - one finds the general hostility to the peasantry matching that of the Bolsheviks. The Webbs wrote of the peasants "characteristic vices of greed and

DEATH TOLL	
Peasant dead, 1930-37	11 million
Arrested in this period, dying in camps later	3.5 million
Total	14.5 million
Of these:	
Dead as a result of dekulakization	6.5 million
Dead in the 1932-3 famine	
Ukraine	5 million
N Caucasus	1 million
elsewhere	1 million

cunning, varied by outbursts of drunkenness and recurrent periods of sloth". They also spoke approvingly of turning these backward characters "into public spirited co-operators, working upon a prescribed plan for the common product to be equitably shared among themselves".

In a significant statement at the time, M.M. Khatayevich, a leading Communist, told a party activist: "A ruthless struggle is going on between the peasantry and our regime. It's a struggle to the death. This year was a test of our strength and their endurance. It took a famine to show them who is master here. It has cost millions of lives, but the collective farm system is here to stay. We've won the war."

With the "victory" won, however, Moscow realized that the disastrous agricultural situation could hardly be

allowed to go on indefinitely. In February 1933, a "seed subsidy" was authorized for the next harvest, with 325,000 tons to go to the Ukraine. In the following month the grain collection in the Ukraine was officially halted at last.

The debilitated peasantry were now launched on a new harvest campaign. Neither they nor their surviving horses were capable of hard labour, yet the Ukrainian government called for harder work. The sowing of 1933 was accomplished in various ways. The inadequate local work force was supplemented from outside. Students and others from the towns were "mobilized" to reap the harvest and army squads were sent to help. In one village, where the whole population had either died or left, troops were kept in tents away from the village and told, as others had been, that there had been an epidemic.

The central fact of the whole famine is that the Soviet Union's total grain crop for 1932 was no more than that of 1931, and was only 12 per cent below the 1926-30 average. It was from famine level, but procurements were up by 44 per cent. There was no way in which local readjustments could have prevented the crisis and the famine; and it can be blamed quite unequivocally on Stalin and the Moscow leadership.

There has never been an official investigation of the rural terror in the Ukraine and neighbouring territories in 1930-33; no statement on the loss of human life has been issued; nor have the archives been opened to independent researchers. Nevertheless, we are in a position to make reasonably sound estimates of the numbers who died.

The casualty rate varied considerably by area and even village, from 10 per cent to 100 per cent. In villages of 3,000 to 4,000 people (Orivka, Smolanka, Hrabivka), fewer than 100 were left.

Nowadays the term "genocide" is often used rhetorically, but it certainly appears that such a charge can be levelled against the Soviet Union for its actions in the Ukraine.

It was Nikolai Bukharin's view that the worst result of the events of 1930-33 was not so much the sufferings of the peasantry, frightful though these were. It was the "deep change in the

psychological outlook of those Communists who participated in this campaign and, instead of going mad, became professional bureaucrats for whom terror was henceforth a normal method of administration, and obedience to any order from above a high virtue", diagnosing "a real dehumanization of the people working in the Soviet apparatus".

The main lesson seems to be that the Communist ideology provided the motivation for an unprecedented massacre of men, women and children, and that this ideology, perhaps a set-piece theory, turned out to be a primitive and schematic approach to matters far too complex for it. Sacrifices of millions of people were made and they were in vain.

The question of whether the present leaders of the Soviet Union would be willing to kill tens of millions of foreigners in a war, or suffer a loss of

The present rulers are heirs of that dreadful history

millions of their own subjects, is sometimes canvassed. The fact that the older leaders were direct accomplices in the actual killing of millions of Ukrainians and others in order to establish the political and social order prescribed by their doctrine, and that the young leaders still justify the procedure, may perhaps be regarded as not without some relevance.

The events which took place in the Soviet Union in the early 1930s cannot be shrugged off as too remote to be of any current significance. So long as they cannot be seriously investigated or discussed in the country where they took place, it is clear that they are in no sense part of the past but a living issue very much to be taken into account when considering the Soviet Union as it is today. The present rulers remain the heirs and accomplices of that dreadful history.

Adapted from *The Harvest of Sorrow*, by Robert Conquest, to be published by Hutchinson on August 28, price £16.95.

When paper can't make people



Work or university? With A level results published, some of the big corporate headhunters explain their attitudes to graduates

No one is ever going to become chairman of a major corporation today without two, perhaps even three, degrees or qualifications: the speaker is Clive Deverell, 44-year-old headhunter for the manufacturing industry, marketing, banking and insurance.

It is a view based upon his experience as a leading recruitment consultant. Yet, it is an attitude which is not necessarily borne out by the beliefs of some of the current heads of industry who still insist that they are more impressed by "the man" than by any formal qualifications.

For the 18-year-old school-leaver it all adds up to an impossible dilemma. Is it better to spend those three valuable years reading for a degree which may have nothing to do with his or her future career or invest the time getting a foothold on the bottom rung of the commercial ladder?

Deverell, a partner with recruitment consultants Bull Thompson, firmly believes that a university education is invaluable in today's competitive job marketplace. "The advantage of a degree is that it proves to employers reasonable intelligence, reasonable drive and interest in long-term careers," he argues.

Without one, long-term futures will undoubtedly be limited. He also feels that today's employers only regard jobs as "being serious" when they are over the £20,000 a year mark. "They may not be concerned about total performance and total promotability below that so long as the total job is being done in a competent fashion. Where you start using management skills of a conceptual form, you are talking of jobs above that level and that's where the person without a degree would find themselves facing stiff competition and would also find themselves being questioned as to their own intellectual drive capacity."

For the average youngster, the jargon is as daunting as the prospects it portrays, yet even employers occasionally suffer doubts as to the reliability of what some of them regard as the graduate rule-of-thumb.

"The bit I am always uneasy about - and we haven't found a solution to - is that all big companies tend to find themselves milling around competing for the top five per cent of the university output and one has that uneasy feeling that lurking in the next 25 or 50 per cent are all sorts of people who may in the event turn out to be much more practical operators in business than those top five per cent," admits Ronnie Archer, personnel director of Unilever.

"A much higher proportion of able children goes to university now and I wouldn't want to see it otherwise, but I'd always recognise there are a number of people doing relatively dull, un-demanding jobs who are actually capable of being directors of public companies. It's merely they have never been tested on the difficult things."

The problem, according to Archer, lies in identifying precisely who these potential directors might be. "In principle, I am absolutely in favour of as wide an entry as one can get - blocking nothing," he says. "In practice, granted a heavy unemployment situation, it is remarkably difficult to devise an organised way of getting in the people who don't come by the usual routes - although one would love to do so."

"A proportion of the top stream are going to go for the City and the rewards in the City at the moment are so high that it is difficult trying to compete with it."

To the young layman confronted by the often bewildering choice of career possibilities underlined by the decision about whether or

not to go to university, it may come as a surprise to discover the extent of the non-graduate opportunities currently to be found within the hallowed square mile of the City.

The profile of the City has changed and so have the customers, says City observer Brian Law, former director of S & W Berisford, the international commodity traders. "Nowadays the market-maker is likely to be more plebeian than patrician. Brokers need something of the smoothness you find in senior advertising executives, all things to all men, good company, gregarious. You feel comfortable with them because if you don't you'll go to someone else."

These are the traders, traditionally the backbone of the City and who, according to Law, are "loyal, hard-working, energetic, able to attract a following, go out and root the business, have the charm -

degree counterparts. The National Westminster Bank, which takes on 150 graduates a year compared to 1200 A-level entrants, expects at least half of its topmost positions to be occupied by the products of its graduate development plan. "As far as we are concerned the right graduate and the right A-level entrant both have very good prospects and compete equally," says Mike Shippam, head of personnel planning. "But just looking at the figures will tell you that the graduates have greater chance of success. But, having said that, there are still a significant number of vacancies on that executive development plan for 'A' or, indeed, better 'O' levels to aspire to. The academic qualification is, of itself, not important but what you tend to see is a marked tendency for the better-educated to be coming through more strongly."



'Without a degree, long-term futures will be limited'

RECRUITMENT CONSULTANT CLIVE DEVERELL

and it may be a rough charm - to get people to trade with them and to get them to take decisions" - none of them characteristics formally taught at university.

"They start young," says Law. "It's a jungle and they have to fight their way up from the back office clerks. If they prove themselves good as traders or at winning client business which is more important than speculating with the firm's capital in most companies, they'll do well. Honesty is important. Education attainment is secondary."

That is the present. The future, however, according to City headhunter, Colin Barry of Overton Shirley and Barry, is likely to favour the applicant with a degree. His view is that to survive long-term with better communications systems, people are going to have to be better educated.

"When you apply for a great number of jobs these days in middle career, you want a degree and if you haven't got one you are at a great disadvantage. I think that unless someone is exceptionally entrepreneurial he should take up the option of going to university."

Certainly, in the cut-and-thrust world of banking, graduates stand a vastly better chance when it comes to promotion than their non-

The fact that Shippam stresses the need for "people who are clear-thinking leaders" emphasizes the banking industry's subtle bias towards graduates. "Our appraisal system is an entirely overt one," insists Shippam. "Everyone knows exactly what is said about them."

And while that is undoubtedly the case in many organisations these days, it is nonetheless inevitable that non-graduates who fail to make the grade should feel that they are perhaps the victims of academic prejudice.

It is a situation with which Diane Halfpenny, 28-year-old graduate recruitment manager of Courtauld's, is only too familiar. "An A-level entrant who has been in the company for four years may often feel, wrongly we think, that graduates get preferential treatment because there is a lot of attention being paid to them," she says.

"Our textiles division, which traditionally took people without degrees, is now tending to look for graduates. But those without them are still reaching manager, general manager status. The board all have degrees but senior management do not."

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Japanese play with Stoppard language

Theatre director Leon Rubin gained an intriguing insight into the problems presented by his most exotic assignment on the day when the Japanese leading lady and Tom Stoppard came to dinner.

Rubin organised the informal *soiree* last month after accepting an offer to direct *The Real Thing*, Stoppard's most recent play, in Japan, in Japanese, by a Japanese company.

An interpreter evidently conveyed the playwright's very humour with some success, for Kiwako Taichi, star of the Bungaku-za company, was highly amused. But to Rubin's consternation, every time she laughed she discreetly covered her mouth after the Japanese fashion. Not the most appropriate gesture for the adulteress, outspoken Annie.

"That's exactly the kind of key question we'll have to resolve," Rubin admitted. "Do I tell her a western character would never do that, and would I then make her feel awkward and uncomfortable as a Japanese actress? I don't know the answer yet."

Before even contemplating the challenge of presenting a play in a language as incomprehensible to him as advanced nuclear physics, Rubin accepts he will have to come to terms with the different culture. "Apparently they don't overtly discuss relationships in the way the characters in the play do, and Kiwako said she was finding it embarrassing and difficult even to think about playing some scenes."

The proper way to express love in Japan, for example, would be for a lady to glance quickly and then lower her eyes until the man looked away. Alternatively, Miss Taichi suggested that she could signal her affection by mending a hole in his pullover. "So clearly there is a cultural gap to cross," Rubin observed, with some understatement. "But Tom's answer, which I agreed with, was that we still have to deal with these effects, and for the Japanese it will be a strange, exotic, perhaps quizzical play. That should be fine; it's the quality we are looking for, but it's going to be a strange journey."

So what makes a young director with a successful play running in the West End

Theatre audiences in Japan face a puzzling introduction to western humour



Culture shock: Leon Rubin (*Double Double* at the Fortune) and a promising career move to the Bristol Old Vic pending, embark on such a magical mystery tour? "It seemed like fun. I think it was the idea of total immersion in a foreign culture that was so exciting and invigorating."

"Also, it seemed an odd choice of play for a Japanese company. The oddness appealed to me because it is so quintessentially English in its theme and manner, and, of course, so did the language. There are so many puns and plays with words that it intrigues me to know how they will translate, not just in the literary way, but how an

audience will respond to that humour. That's the challenge, to try and assimilate a Japanese cultural eye-view of a western relationship."

After deciding to remain as faithful to the English production as possible, Rubin has already encountered some minor practical problems.

A set design for a scene, which takes place in a train, recently arrived from Japan. "It was just like the interior of one of their modern, high-speed trains, nothing at all like our slow inter-city. So we had to rework it."

Another problem may be repeated references to the radio programme *Desert Island Discs*. Miss Taichi found them unintelligible and Rubin admits he is worried that the humour may be lost on Japanese audiences, who have never heard of it.

"I discussed it with Tom and he pointed out that in the American production, there had been no problem. He recalled somebody coming up to him in 'New York saying how clever he had been to invent that funny radio programme. One hopes it would work for a Japanese person."

Rubin must take it on trust that the interpreter and bilingual Japanese assistant director have understood the nuances and subtleties of Stoppard's peculiar humour. "The main difficulty will be how to play a line in rehearsal to get the desired effect. There's bound to be a whole different approach, how a Japanese actor would deliver a

line, a look, or a movement, as opposed to an English actor."

A more delicate and potentially embarrassing problem will be Rubin's ignorance of the elaborate codes of courtesy and behaviour. "I think one can easily make mistakes, and say exactly the wrong thing."

Preliminary dealings with the assistant director gave him an insight into the difficulty. "He's been extremely polite, but I've understood that beneath all the courtesy, sometimes he wanted to say he totally disagreed. It takes a long time; you have to be very patient. That's the key to starting work in a Japanese environment."

His latest venture is rare, but not unique. Kim Grant, the director, accepted a similar offer from Japan to stage *The Diary of Anna Frank*, but realised only later that it was to be a rock musical version.

Rubin leaves England at the end of the month for five weeks' rehearsal before the show opens in Tokyo's prestigious Sunshine Theatre. Then it's back to England for his first production as artistic director at Bristol, a musical version of the film *The Blue Angel*.

Presenting irreverent English attitudes to love and marriage in downtown Tokyo will, he admits, be a hard act to follow. "What next? I think Shakespeare in Chinese would be interesting, or maybe Chekhov in Russian..."

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Tamil refugees

In "Sharks who offer sanctuary" (Spectrum, August 15), the number of refugees into West Germany - 13,000 in 1985 and 1,875 in 1986 so far - referred to Tamil refugees only. The totals for all refugees entering Germany are 75,000 and 40,000 respectively.

Tomorrow

On the Books
page, Enoch
Powell reviews the collected works of political economist Thomas Malthus

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- 8 Thus (3)
- 9 Formal essay (8)
- 10 Mourned (8)
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- 12 Characterise (6)
- 13 Cave (6)

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- 4 Walter (5)
- 5 Hard crisp bread (4)
- 6 Army colour (5)
- 7 Small hermit (5)
- 8 Greek peace goddess (5)
- 9 Log of lamb (5)
- 10 Horse high jumping (9)
- 11 Hebrew measure (4)
- 12 Fort moat (4)
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

It's not an epidemic. It is serious and I understand the anxiety, but meningitis is rare compared to the risks of other infections

Unlike most detectives on the trail of a mass killer, Dennis Jones knows almost all there is to know about his killer — name, description and methods. The burden that weighs him in the midst of a public outcry is the knowledge that neither he nor anyone else can prevent more deaths — at least, not yet.

A rash of blue pins across a map of England and Wales shows the relentless spread of meningococcal meningitis, the disease that so far this year has taken 86 lives among 539 cases, most of them children. Every other day, Dr Jones, director of the public health laboratory at the Withington hospital, Manchester, sticks more pins in the map.

The laboratory is the investigation centre for the outbreak of the disease. Every morning the post brings another batch of small glass phials containing samples of the bacteria taken from victims as far apart as Cornwall and Teesside. The samples are grown in culture, tested and typed in the laboratory, and added to the stockpile of evidence about the disease.

In the last seven months, laboratory staff have tested about 2,500 samples, twice the total of last year's work on all types of meningitis, while also fulfilling their role as monitors of all other infectious illnesses in the greater Manchester area.

Dr Jones's problem is having to maintain the surveillance of the fatal form of meningitis, known as B15, for which there is as yet no vaccine, while striving to reassure an increasingly worried and impatient public that the threat is less serious than most people seem to think.

The illness can be spread by carriers of

the bacterium coughing and sneezing. It enters the bloodstream and produces an inflammation of the meninges, the membranes around the brain and spinal cord, and can cause death or disability. Early treatment with antibiotics is highly effective but the onset of symptoms can be frighteningly quick.

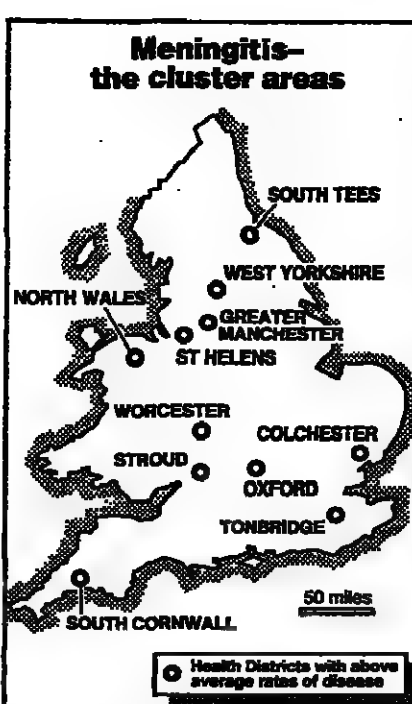
"It's not an epidemic," he insists wearily. "It's not a national problem. The number of cases is comparatively small. It is a serious situation, and I understand people's anxiety, but the disease is rare compared to the risks of other infections. Please, try to keep a sense of proportion."

Although 86 deaths among 539 cases suggests a very high mortality rate, Dr Jones believes that the true rate will later be seen as about 5 per cent of the cases. Research workers are predicting a total of about 800 cases this year, inevitably including more deaths. The tide of the infection ebbs and flows and is likely to show a resurgence early next year.

The present figures show a 50 per cent increase in cases on last year — which was 30 per cent higher than the year before. But the current outbreak is still well below the peak of 1974, when 1,300 cases were recorded.

The medical detective work behind this outbreak involves, just like most police investigations, steady, but slow progress, using long-established methods. There is little room for flashes of inspiration, little chance of a startling breakthrough.

Those involved are microbiologists and bacteriologists in hospitals and laboratories wherever cases of B15 have occurred — the so-called "cluster" areas, of which the Stroud district of Gloucestershire has



become the focus of most attention. In addition, specialists in Norway, Holland, Iceland and the United States are pooling their expertise and offering it to British research teams to help speed the development of a vaccine.

One vaccine is now undergoing safety and efficacy tests at Porton Down, the Government's microbiological research

establishment. Scientists there have been offered the vaccine and a wealth of data by colleagues in the United States. A trial of the vaccine is likely to start next year in Norway, where B15 first emerged in the early 1970s.

Dr Carl Frasch, the American scientist most closely involved, said yesterday: "Experimental batches of the vaccine are now being made at Porton Down but I can't see it being used until next year."

The irony for Britain is that, serious as the impact of the disease undoubtedly is, there are not yet enough cases to justify large-scale tests of the vaccine among the population. Hence the trial in Norway.

According to Dr Frasch, the vaccine has been shown to stimulate the type of antibodies that are most associated with the B15 strain. But it must still be shown to be effective and safe before it can be used on the most vulnerable section of the community, children and young adults.

No vaccine is completely free of risk, and the current epidemic of whooping cough owes some of its severity to inflated public fears in the last 10 years about the possible side-effects of a vaccine for that illness.

To immunize a large number of people against B15, when there are still comparatively few cases, could possibly create a new problem if side-effects emerged in numbers approaching the actual cases of the disease. It is such a prospect that emphasizes the need for extreme caution in introducing a new vaccine.

Baroness Trumpington, the junior health minister, said yesterday: "I really hope that this vaccine is the answer. But it has to be thoroughly tested to verify the American

claims that are being made for it. It may be between one and two years before it can be used."

Though much is known about the B15 strain, puzzles remain. Why do outbreaks occur, and recur, in specific parts of the country, while other areas are unscathed? Why do some individuals appear to be particularly vulnerable to the infection, when many thousands of others are symptomless carriers?

One theory, that certain people have an inherited factor that puts them more at risk, is being advanced by bacteriologists at the City Hospital, Edinburgh.

They believe that the protective molecules which the body's immune system normally produces are not generated in some people. They found by looking at the blood of some of those infected by B15 that a high proportion had not produced those antibodies from their natural defences.

Further studies of this group of the population, known as non-secretors, could help to determine whether they are among the leading candidates for vaccination. "We could also help to explain why the outbreaks occur in clusters," Dr Raymond Brede, one of the Edinburgh research team, said. He and colleagues are now seeking information from doctors in the Stroud area about which victims of the illness are non-secretors.

Dr Jones, who with Baroness Trumpington and other senior health officials attended a recent public meeting of anxious families in the Stroud area, welcomes all the clues that other research workers have to offer.

Thomson Prentice

TALKBACK

Are the Saudis feminist?

From Sarah Holland, *The Gatehouse Cottage, Naworth, Brampton, Cumbria*

Dr Germaine Greer (August 15) claims that the Saudis execute adulterous wives because — unlike us — they regard women not as 'passive' but as individuals capable of 'making informed choices and accepting their destiny, grim as it may seem to us.' Surely that is a blatant attempt to turn a situation on its head and prove that black is white?

I had always assumed that we in the West did not penalise adultery in either sex because we accepted that any 'informed' adult, male or female, should be allowed freedom of choice in sexual matters, whereas the Saudis saw women as passive items of merchandise which should accordingly be destroyed if they were 'damaged' not merely by adultery but also by rape (in which case no one could suggest that the victim 'had made an informed choice').

If Dr Greer believes the Saudis are such feminists, how would she explain the facts that they do not stone adulterous males to death, or allow women to have several husbands and divorce them whenever they feel like it?

As for her last hypocritical reference to the so-called pleasures of 'social distance from men', I must confess that they do not tempt me in the least. Judging by what she has written in the past, I honestly cannot believe that they would hold much appeal for Dr Greer either.

From Jacqueline Williams, *Hilton Close, Manningtree, Mistley, Essex*

Libby Purves asks why so many intelligent, amusing women end up alone or tied to the wrong man (August 8). Possibly the problem is the final decision in relationships. Unlike women, they are conditioned to contain and control their emotions in favour of a simplistic proposition.

The average man tends to choose a partner who is in some way his superior or who will be financially useful to him. However, men with above average intelligence, which is what an intelligent woman is looking for, do not usually have such considerations and appear to prefer partners who are not particularly intelligent, but attractive on a superficial level.

In other words, the "I never loved your mind" phenomenon of the *Memoirs of a Geisha* relationship. He will not have the time or inclination to cope with an intelligent woman, whose mind may be too inquiring, and who may have neuroses of her own that she cannot ignore.

The intelligent woman, attracted as she is to a mind, often has to remain single, unless she can accept a socially or mentally inferior partner.

From S. K. Finesilver, *Kirtlington, Oxford*

There is another technical term for those who marry and remarry: *la Zsa Zsa Gabor* (August 13). It is serial polygamy.

Another Fraser books in

The author of a new biography of Emma Hamilton could soon be as famous as her subject if the hype is any guide. Val Hennessy reports

If the name Flora Fraser rings no bells, it soon will. You can take it from an effervescent publishing whiz-kidette called Mary Caulfield that by next month, if everything goes to a meticulously contrived, phenomenally expensive hype-plan, the name Flora Fraser will be tripping off the lips of television presenters, radio reporters, chat-show hosts, magazine readers, and droves of brainwashed biography addicts who will be ransacking shops for Flora Fraser's new biography *Beloved Emma — The Life of Emma Lady Hamilton*.

Instructed by Lord Weidenfeld, of Weidenfeld and Nicolson, the commendably efficient Ms Caulfield placed a double-page advertisement in *The Book Seller*, announcing "the debut of a major new biographer — Flora Fraser". With this tactic she also alerted the book trade to the availability of free "stunning four-colour, oval posters and showcards", to news of a "major feature" in *The Sunday Times* colour magazine with photographs by Lord Snowdon, and to a full publicity campaign to coincide with publication ("on

Nelson's birthday") of this "brilliant new biography".

According to Ms Caulfield it is Lord Weidenfeld himself who has favoured Flora Fraser with the "major new biographer" tag. Despite her only previous publications being a facsimile edition of a Victorian lady's diaries, and a romantic thriller called *Double Portrait*, (about which the sole reviewer grumbled "Miss Fraser closes the bedroom door firmly in the reader's face"), a mere glance at the manuscript of Flora Fraser's first biography convinced Lord Weidenfeld that this book was, to use Ms Caulfield's phrase, "a biggie".

Ms Caulfield pulled out all the publicity stops. The aforementioned oval colour posters ("oval posters are so much more distinctive") and showcards were distributed nationwide. Sales reps were mobilised with *Beloved Emma* press packs. Flattering photographs of Flora Fraser were sent to women's magazines. Programmes such as *Woman's Hour*, *Woman, Breakfast Time*, the *John Dunne Show*, *Kaleidoscope*, *Bookshelf* and so forth were notified of the "brilliant new biography".

If Ms Caulfield entertained



Three generations of biographers: Flora Fraser, her mother Antonia Fraser, top right, and grandmother Lady Longford

the least doubt about whether the world was ready for Flora Fraser, by the time she has done her strategic stuff it certainly will be.

Furthermore, as she admits with a discreet cough, her "major new biographer" does have something of a head start. "Obviously the fact that Flora Fraser is the daughter of Antonia Fraser and granddaughter of Lady Longford makes her particularly interesting from a publicity point of view, especially as she is from the third generation of brilliant biographers. As it happens, Flora's background and the book lend themselves to good publicity angles. And being young and very, very attractive is also a help, especially when it comes to getting the TV people in-

terested. I know they want someone who looks good and is a good talker. They know I won't offer them a dud".

And happily looks aren't everything. Occasionally these programmes enquire about the book.

Ms Caulfield explains that this is where her "short sales points" leaflets come into their own. "These contain brief summaries of the book, the highlights, the juicy bits and so on... also a synopsis of Flora's fascinating background and career. They are well worth the minimal extra expense and provide researchers with the instant information they require."

Ms Caulfield confesses that

her publicity *coup de grace* was obtaining a window at Harrods. This didn't cost a penny. For the week of publication, Harrods' window will be festooned with those stunning four-colour oval posters, with *Beloved Emma* showcards with huge blow-up photographs of Flora Fraser, and with a display of model ships, flags, naval uniform and general Nelsoniana.

Moreover, Ms Caulfield shrewdly contacted the editor of *Nelson Dispatch* and the secretary of the Nelson Society, and the upshot is that Flora Fraser will give the annual Nelson Birthday lecture in Portsmouth. Her book will, of course, be on sale in the vestibule.

There is also a Foyle's literary luncheon to which



Flora Fraser is invited. And a possible sign-in at her local bookshop. Finally, to coincide with publication Ms Caulfield saw to it that Flora Fraser was commissioned to write simultaneous pieces for *Harpers* (on Emma's garden at Caserta) and *Cosmo* (on Emma's licentious cavortings in Naples). *Vogue* will print an interview with her, written by her sister, *Tatler* is doing a review. And of course there's that colour magazine feature with photos by Lord Snowdon.

Here it is worth mentioning from an impartial viewpoint that unlike the many bad books let loose upon the world in similar extravaganzas of costly hype, *Beloved Emma* fairly lives up to its advance publicity. It is bewitchingly

'All the media exposure doesn't terrify me at all'

readable, authoritative, and a sufficiently rip-roaring work to merit Lord Weidenfeld's impulsive financial outlay.

As for 27-year-old Flora Fraser herself, she is definitely no "dud". She has all the self-assurance and charm you would expect of the daughter of Antonia Fraser and the granddaughter of Lady Longford. She is as bright and articulate as you would hope of someone educated at St Paul's School, in Florence, and at Wadham College, Oxford, where she read Classics.

She is flummoxed by the "major new biographer" hype. "Um, well, I mean, it's certainly not for me to say, Emma is a major subject, and it's certainly a major biography. A lot of the novelty of my book lies in examining Nelson's letters to Emma. She was an adorable character. A previous lover, not exactly her first, passed her on to her husband-to-be with the words 'She is a clean and sweet bedfellow'. People were very kind and allowed me first-time access to private manuscripts in England and Italy. The most exciting part was going to Naples, tracing Emma's footsteps."

Flora Fraser is unruffled by snide suggestions that family connections have boosted her literary career. "That sort of carping is honestly not something that bothers me. I've always had my mother and my grandmother. The fact that both can write could, with any luck, make people suppose that coming from the same stable I might have written something readable too. I sincerely hope so. All the inevitable media exposure doesn't terrify me at all. It should be fun. Great fun."

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Beloved Emma: The Life of Emma Lady Hamilton, published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson on September 29, £12.95.

Just when you thought it was safe ...

If there is anything more boring at dinner than a pair of word processor users moaning on about how they lost half a book the night before, it is swimming pool owners who chat the night away about the water balance or the tendency of their holes in the ground to turn green.

My personal pool problem concerns two fair children with green hair. Nothing too punky, you understand, just a faint tinge. Why this should be I do not know. Not even after talking to several swimming pool experts, a brace of doctors and a terribly helpful chap from the public analysts laboratory. It could be too much chlorine, then again it could be too little. The water could be too acidic, or too alkaline. On the other hand it could just be something in the local water supply.

But I shouldn't complain. My problem is minor compared with some of those afflicting the 110,000 pool-owners in Britain. One friend has shock-dosed his pool at least three times this summer and still can't get rid of the algae.

I don't know whether it's the green hair, the dead weeds that float to the surface every morning or just a raised chemical consciousness in the wake of Chernobyl, but the thought of 'tipping' what

amounts to large quantities of unfamiliar substances into the pool where my children splash around virtually every day for half the year is beginning to give me the creeps.

It is not, however, something over which most pool building companies lose much sleep. Which is why many pool customers are never told there is an alternative to chlorine, let alone such a thing as a chemical-free system on offer. According to one technical writer I consulted, nine out of 10 owners operate their pools wrongly, largely through complete ignorance of the chemicals they are using.

Officially the use of chlorine in this country has everyone's blessing. It's cheaper, safer to handle, and better at killing bugs than anything else and it's been around so long it must be OK. Yet I was interested to discover that in the United States there appears to be something of a chlorine scare.

Chlorine, it is suggested in some quarters, may be carcinogenic. But then the cynic might argue that you could take almost any substance from holy water down and find at least one American doctor who'll say it causes cancer. Nonetheless it is rather unnerving to see some of the marketing literature now being pushed out in the US to

promote chemical-free swimming pool systems, with references to "killer chlorine", complete with skull and crossbones, and quoting medical opinion that it should be banned.

There are indeed alternatives to chlorine: an ICI product called Baquacil, and



a system called Hypocell which uses salt and electrolysis to produce chlorine in the water. The nearest thing to a completely chemical-free system, though, is Tarnapure, which works through silver and copper ions. It has a rival which works on the same principle called Ultimar. The main hazard appears to be to the bank account. These systems can cost anything from £600 to well over £1,000 depending on which one you choose and the size of your pool.

The swimming pool owner is always in the wrong, however. The industry contends stoutly that chlorine and the other chemicals are perfectly OK as long as you use them in the right way. I would contend that it's extremely hard for the unschooled amateur to do this, particularly as there appears to be an extreme shortage of easily digested guides to the subject.

I am not suggesting that swimming pool suppliers should go over the top, and follow the example of one Texas dealer who wrote to his customers: "The water in that pool is a friend. Don't let it down. That water is there 24 hours a day. Is someone with it?" But I do think that we could use something a little better than the Swimming

Pool and Allied Trades Association standard work on water and chemicals, which is far too technical and is preceded by the legend "the inclusion of a product or system in these standards does not imply SPATA approval or a guarantee of efficiency". Just what you need when you're about to sink a fortune.

As well as alternative chemical and purification systems you can now buy computerized control units: one goes by the name of The Magic Box — that dribbles the required amount of chemicals into the pool automatically, so you can't over-dose. This little gadget can easily set you back more than £1,000.

The problem with trying to find out the best thing to do is that if one expert reckons such a system is fine, the next one will forecast rotting pipes and other dreadful problems if you install it.

So what is the swimming pool owner to do? My holiday reading is going to feature a few pool-care guides. I'll read them on the beach, of course.

Maggie Drummond

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In-depth defence

Count Nikolai Tolstoy, author of the book which accuses Harold Macmillan of sending 40,000 Cossacks to their deaths in the Soviet Union in 1945, fears that he might now be banned from giving his intended address to the Young Conservatives' annual conference next month. This follows the rumour yesterday over the Federation of Conservative Students' magazine which restates the allegations. Norman Tebbit objected to the Central Office name and address appearing on the publication and ordered all copies to be destroyed. Tolstoy tells me he is astonished. "The Conservative Party has been very silly. They should be going for discussion, not suppression." He is also annoyed that Monday's BBC television news coverage of the FCS story omitted all mention of him, and is still smarting from the corporation's cancellation of four planned broadcasts earlier this year, based on the book. "The reason the BBC gave was that Macmillan might sue, but I have seen a letter from his grandson saying he has no intention of suing," says Tolstoy.

Hatton hits out

It comes as no surprise to hear that Derek Hatton is not taking his dismissal from his job at Knowsley council lying down. Word reaches me that he plans a two-pronged counter-attack: by appealing against his sacking for non-attendance and, second, by levelling charges of misconduct against his former boss, Alan Pearson, and Charles McGhee, chairman of the disciplinary committee that got rid of him. Local Liberals, meanwhile, are looking forward to the parliamentary by-election in Robert Kilroy-Silk's seat of Knowsley North, where Hatton is said to be roundly loathed. They hope that Knowsley council will reinstate him in time for the Liberals to garner the anti-Militant vote.

Acid vein

A strangely subversive note from the British Council announces that this year's international course on the management of hazardous waste is off because Britain is too dirty. Last year 13 countries, including Denmark, sent representatives, but this year our reputation for airborne export of sulphur dioxide and for beaches tarnished by sewage and nuclear waste has brought "less than gentle mockery" down on the idea that we could teach the world anything in this field. Don't tell the Brazilians, though, for that country has just asked the council to run a hazardous waste seminar in São Paulo in September. To date, three people have applied.

Small print

Genealogist Hugh Peskett does not let the grass grow under his feet. No sooner does Moscow agree compensation for British property and bonds seized during the Bolshevik Revolution than Peskett takes on a White Russian assistant, Tasha Lubetkin. Together — for a fee, naturally — they help heirs of Britons who lost out 70 years ago to make their claims for a share of the £45 million kitty. Beneficiaries could include relatives of the owners of steam tugs, saw mills, and a parrot living in Moscow during the days that shook the world.

Dear meat

Further fallout from Chernobyl. The Swedish government has just ordered Lapp deer-keepers to kill 35,000 of their animals for fear of contaminated meat. It could be worse: the owners are to be reimbursed at the rate of £145 per deer, the full market value.

BARRY FANTONI



'Fullback? Straight ahead. You can tell by the Nitex convey coming the other way'

Hurdful

Douglas Hurd's bookish output, like that of his Tory colleague Jeffrey Archer, always strikes me as being more valuable for its aperçus of political life than for its intrinsic literary merit. So it is with interest that I read a review of Hurd's latest fiction, *Palace of Enchantments*, by Charles Mosley, London editor of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, in the Young Conservatives' magazine, *New Agenda*. Mosley is less than kind, arguing that the book, which centres around a wretched junior minister, reveals "a mind of scant subtlety and minimal insight". This says Mosley, would be all right from a leader of the Liberal Party, but not from a putative head of the Conservatives.

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Myths that prop up the Bar

by Sir David Napley

On a recent visit to Ann Arbor University in Michigan I was invited to demonstrate cross-examination in jury trials together with American attorneys — a pursuit denied me in the Crown court in this country. The standard of the cross-examination by the attorneys was equal to, and in some cases exceeded, that found in this country, certainly over the great proportion of the Bar. In similar seminars, and in the courts of Canada, I have found the situation to be little different.

Since there is a fused profession in America, and since in Canada lawyers qualify both as barristers and solicitors and can practise as both, this experience does not support the view — expressed recently by Dr F.A. Mann on this page — that the present methods of training and the division of functions between barristers and solicitors are essential to our adversary system. Nor that if there is to be change, it would become necessary to remodel the legal system as a whole. Nor that the Americans largely engage in what he calls "ineffectual cross-examination".

The existing structure of the Bar rests upon a series of easily exploded myths. The first is that barristers are specialists in their particular field. In fact, on first qualification a barrister is far less legally equipped than a solicitor. Those seeking a legal qualification, whether from abroad or to attain professional status in their employment, opt for the Bar examinations because they are easier to pass and less exacting in preparation. In making the choice, 99 per cent of students have not

the remotest knowledge of what practice of law in either branch requires — the only courts they will have seen are those depicted on television — and in this state of abject ignorance, they nominate themselves to become "specialist" barristers.

The Bar contends, secondly, that it is a profession of specialists in advocacy. There are, of course, a number of barristers who are highly skilled and competent. The remainder, who are denied access to the work and the experience it brings, are certainly not specialists in the sense in which the word is normally understood.

And there can be no other vocation that would have the face to say, as the Bar does, that it must for all time have an exclusive right of audience in the Crown courts as a training ground for its own inexperienced members. It is small consolation to the accused on his way to prison that, although poorly represented, he assisted in training the Bar. (Moreover, to suggest that the bulk of the work in Crown court requires a specialist advocate is like saying a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons is needed to lance a boil.)

Another myth is that the existence of a "specialist" Bar in its present form acts effectively as a sieve and a brake on unnecessary litigation. Since in the higher courts both sides are represented by specialist barristers and only one side can win, it would seem to follow, if the judge's decision is right, that 50 per cent of the

specialist opinions have been wrong.

Judges are alleged, however, to know the members of the Bar and thus to be able to evaluate their worth. If that were ever true, it certainly no longer applies today. With the vast increase in the numbers of practitioners and judges, the latter can recognize only a limited number of the Bar. Only 1 per cent of the proceedings issued ever come to trial in the High Court, and High Court work finds its way to only a very small section of the Bar. So judges get to know only that small number who share the cream of the work.

Myths, alas, abound in the law. It is a myth that only experienced advocates can make efficient judges — as clerks to justices have shown on being appointed stipendiaries, and Chancery barristers when sitting in the Common Law courts. A myth that the quality of the judiciary would be lessened if solicitors with first-class degrees at the universities replaced a very limited number of High Court judges who may have scraped through with a poor second or less. A myth that every contested action needs a specialist, and that many cases need two. A myth that only barristers are specialists, since some solicitors are specialists in particular fields and better at it than barristers.

It is certainly a myth that to be a successful advocate one needs some God-given genius or talent as distinct from training and technique. Many factors have

changed the style of advocacy since the days of Birkett, Marshall Hall and Pat Hastings so that today there is not one barrister who could be singled out as a great advocate in that way. And it is, finally, a myth that solicitors who can present cases to a bench of magistrates are ill-equipped to present similar cases to a jury.

Young members of the Law Society have reached a point where they now advocate fusion of the profession. The Green Paper, however, issued by the Law Society's Contentious Business Committee, advocated no such thing. It sought to establish a truly specialist Bar and not one in which the specialists nominated themselves to a status which they could not always justify by qualification or experience. I have been advocating for more than 30 years that all those seeking to embrace the profession should have a common education; that they should then have the opportunity, on qualification, to gain experience over the widest possible field. Then, if they wished to practice as specialists they would have to demonstrate they had acquired specialist skills and possessed the requisite talent and aptitude or, certainly in the long term, undergone specialist training and examination. Ideally an amalgam of these things is desirable. Were this done we would retain a separate Bar with skill, traditions and institutions. But it would be a truly specialist Bar.

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Anver Versi traces the origin of the Arab-Christian troubles in Sudan

Two nations locked in civil war

The shooting down of a civilian aircraft last week with the loss of 60 lives bears witness to the increasing level of hostilities in Sudan's civil war, in which troops loyal to the Khartoum administration led by the prime minister, Sadeq al-Mahdi, are fighting southern-based rebels led by Colonel John Garang.

Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) was formed three years ago as a reaction to the repressive regime of President Nimeiri, who was ousted in April 1985 and replaced by General Sadeq al-Mahdi. The new leader promised elections within a year and appointed an interim government, but Garang refused to recognize the administration, claiming the largely Arab and Islamic north still dominated, and demanding that the Islamic sharia laws, introduced by Nimeiri in 1983, be repealed immediately and a constitutional conference be held that would take in the views of the Christian, black African south.

Elections were held in April this year. Several political parties contested the elections in the north, but in the south voting was held in only 31 of the 68 constituencies. This, the north, claimed, was a result of the "unrest", a government euphemism for civil war. Turnout was poor, and the People's Progressive Party won most of the southern seats. The SPLA boycotted the elections and threatened to disrupt proceedings. The southern towns of Torit and Kapoeta were attacked. Bases of Norwegian Church Aid at Hillieu and Plotaka were looted and an official was taken hostage. Meanwhile, the leader of the Ummah party, Sadeq al-Mahdi (grandson of the Mahdi who was defeated by the British at Omdurman) became prime minister of a broad-based coalition government with the Democratic Unionist Party the major partner.

Several peace feelers have been sent to Garang since the elections. He and al-Mahdi held talks lasting more than nine hours during the Organization of African Unity summit meeting in Addis Ababa in July, and working parties from both camps are still working on a



Southern rebels on the march in a conflict that shows no sign of slackening

deal in Addis. Garang has asked for a lifting of the state of emergency in the south and a repeal of the sharia laws as a precondition for negotiations. Al-Mahdi wants a cease-fire first and has promised to modify the sharia laws so that they are applicable only in the Muslim north. Garang, however, wants unitary laws to apply equally throughout Sudan and has again demanded a constitutional conference.

The roots of the trouble go much deeper. Sudan is really two nations. The north is largely Arab and Muslim dominated; the south is Christian or animist. During the British occupation the north and south were kept apart — Christian missionaries were discouraged from going to the north and Muslim preachers were forbidden in the south. Most of the political and economic development was concentrated in the north and, at independence 30 years ago, most administrators were northern. The Sudanese legal system was a mixture of English criminal and constitutional law as developed in India, and Islamic civil law.

There is a very strong fundamental Islamic strain in northern Sudan, harking back to the days of the Mahdi. The north sees itself as part of the Islamic and Arab world and looks to Egypt and Saudi Arabia for moral leadership. The northern political parties are rooted in Islamic sects — al-Mahdi is the spiritual head of the Ansar movement, the largest Islamic sect in Sudan.

The question of the sharia law has been a major issue in Sudanese politics since independence.

Muslim intellectuals have called for a reinstatement of the sharia law rather than an introduction of it.

It was thus almost inevitable that immediately after the British departure the south would agitate for a more equal representation in the Sudanese entity. This led to the first civil war and the Anya Nya rebel movement. The south at this time, 1956, was divided into three regions: Equatoria, Upper Nile and Bahr el-Ghazal. The main tribes in the regions are the Dinkas and the Nueres.

After 16 years of bitter civil strife, during which an estimated 50,000 people died, Nimeiri got peace through the Addis Ababa agreement of 1972. The south was unified under a southern legislative body, the Higher Executive Council, and granted a measure of autonomy. Tribal tensions, favouritism and corruption, however, soon fuelled tribal tensions and the council disintegrated amid rising violence in the south. Northern control was reimposed on the south and the region was again broken up into its constituent parts.

In the north Nimeiri lost his popular base as food riots and anti-Arabian sentiments polarized the country against him. In an attempt to win a fresh lease of life, he introduced the sharia law in September 1983. The draconian laws, which resulted in amputations and hangings, mainly of southern people, led to growing unrest in the south and failed to appease the north. Sadeq al-Mahdi strongly criticized Nimeiri's interpretation of Islamic

laws and was jailed for a year. Garang, a colonel in the Sudanese army, defected when he was sent to the south to crush a rebellion. His movement, the SPLA, rapidly increased in strength.

While Nimeiri was in power the rebel movement received its arms largely from Libya, and its support, including bases, from the Mengistu Marxist regime in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian support for the rebels is to offset Khartoum's help to the Eritrean Liberation Organization.

Today the situation is radically different. Colonel Gadafi of Libya has withdrawn his support for the SPLA and, according to recent reports, has sent up to 10,000 troops to support the Khartoum army. A recent visit by al-Mahdi to Moscow could well mean that the Russians will reduce their arms assistance to the rebels (most of it through Ethiopia) and might support Khartoum. Ethiopia is likely, however, to give succour to Garang as long as Khartoum supports Eritrea.

Whatever the politics of the war might dictate, however, Khartoum will not burn its boats in the West. Sudan's external debts are £9 billion. The country needs both long and short-term aid to keep afloat and the businessmen in Khartoum are looking to the West for investment.

Sadeq al-Mahdi cannot, at present, more than tinker with the sharia laws if he is to retain the confidence of the north. This means that a quick resolution of the civil war is unlikely.

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Will universities rise to the challenge?

British universities proclaim that they are the best in the world. Perhaps they are. There is certainly much truth in vice-chancellors' claims about the quality of original research, the calibre of their academics and the success of undergraduates.

But little evidence is presented to a sceptical government to justify more spending on a sector of education which has not shown itself to be particularly astute at financial management. Sir Keith Joseph, when Education Secretary, made public his despair at the dearth of hard information to support his — admittedly belated — pleas for more money for the universities. Now Kenneth Baker is trying to tie up a package of reforms to help him in his efforts to win more cash for the universities in the public expenditure round which gets under way next month.

Sir Keith's Cabinet colleagues were so surprised whenever he asked for more money for education that they usually obliged. Baker is not so "dry" on public spending, and his repeated calls for more money may fall on stonier ground. So his "action plan" is a sensible way of nailing down universities' commitment

to reforms which are already in train and so obtain more funds.

Ministers have been presented with the prospect of up to six universities having to close by the end of the decade if funding continues to be eroded at the rate of 1.5 to 2 per cent a year through a failure to compensate for inflation. This warning comes not from militant dons but from Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee. The government will ignore him at its peril.

But, what will it be able to secure from the universities as a *quid pro quo*? The Department of Education and Science wants to see evidence of reform in four areas: academic standards and appraising the performance of lecturers; financial management and monitoring; the preparation of performance indicators by which universities might be judged; and the closure of small or weak departments.

Judging by the report from the vice-chancellors' committee on academic standards, reported in yesterday's *Times*, universities have a long way to go before the government, and the public, can be satisfied that the universities know what they are doing.

The academic standards inquiry, set up after prompting by Sir Keith Joseph, looked at external examining procedures, controls over postgraduate research and appeals by postgraduates against degree results. But it did not address itself to the question of what universities should expect from their students and how these standards were to be judged. The examination boards, by contrast, have made it clear what standards they require from pupils who will be beginning the new GCSE courses this autumn. They have broken down the requirements into such categories as skills, knowledge and perception and are very clear about what level of work deserves what grade.

The vice-chancellors make no mention of what standards should be reached by students who are awarded a first class degree or an upper second, and in relation to what body of knowledge. In his preamble, Professor Philip Reynolds comments rightly that the word "standards" is bedevilled by ambiguities. This seems to absolve the vice-chancellors from considering the fundamental questions at all.

Most universities have little stated or public policy on such

issues. Nor do they have policies on teaching, leaving academics to get on with lectures and tutorials. Unlike the polytechnics, which are watched by the Council for National Academic Awards, universities have considerable freedom, and can put on new courses virtually at whim. One wonders if university academics define what their new courses are intended to achieve. Have they really thought about teaching skills and ways in which students might be assessed?

Civil servants are pressing some radical-sounding ideas on the vice-chancellors in talks on the action plan. Many academics would not take kindly to seeking the views of students on courses and teaching, nor on the idea of a senior member of staff sitting in on the classes of a junior member. The DES is also suggesting that teaching is assessed as part of a programme of staff appraisal and that training should be required.

This is all revolutionary stuff, particularly at a time when dons see themselves as beleaguered and underpaid, unloved and unappreciated. Let us hope that they and Baker can make common cause.

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Education correspondent

Charles Carter

Ulster's other battleground

The Northern Ireland unemployment rate is 21.5 per cent, the worst regional rate in the United Kingdom; and the average figure conceals the existence of much higher rates in parts of the province. Furthermore, seasonally adjusted unemployment, normally strongly affected by what happens in Great Britain, has recently shown a much faster increase, and there are further serious redundancies in the pipeline or threatened.

Apart from differences of demography, there are two reasons for this deplorable record. One is the disadvantage of position, on the fringe of Europe, with the prospect of slow sea crossings or expensive air carriage for both freight and passengers. The evidence suggests that these disadvantages are greatly increased by the less tangible psychological effects of remoteness, such as slowness to react to new market opportunities. Government regional policy can properly be expected to help to offset some of these disadvantages of position, and indeed, though clumsy in conception and sluggish in operation, it has had an effect in stopping things getting worse.

But the other reason for the bad record is the image of Northern Ireland as seen by investors and customers in the rest of the world. That image is variously conceived in terms of personal danger, danger to property, the general difficulties caused by communal unrest, and political uncertainty (i.e., the possibility of a transfer of sovereignty). About 95 per cent of the elements in this image have no basis in reality, but even if the image was wholly untrue, it could still greatly harm the economic life of the province.

Unhappily, the government's initiative in the Anglo-Irish agreement, whatever its political or foreign policy virtues, has made things much worse for the economy. The agreement has stimulated new unrest (though this has greatly lessened); it has not had time to be effective in defeating the IRA and the INLA, nor in depriving them of a sufficient degree of support among Catholics. Further, by introducing the novel concept of giving another country a right to be consulted on affairs internal to a part of the United Kingdom, it has created political uncertainty.

It is really no use trying to explain to a Japanese businessman that the province remains inalienably British as long as a majority of its inhabitants so desire; it is much easier for him to suppose that the perfidious British have taken the first step towards a change in sovereignty (which,

indeed, most people in Britain might welcome). It is not surprising that inward investment, despite all the inducements offered, is virtually at a standstill.

The government of course has the answer that, if the agreement had been welcomed by the majority, which it unaccountably failed to consult, these consequences would have been much less. That is not a very good answer, since it was perfectly obvious that the agreement would give profound offence to the majority community. It is in this context, therefore, that the Northern Ireland Economic Council (a body representing employers and unions which advises the government on economic policy) has urged the need for some immediate and substantial offsetting action, to limit damage and prevent a rise in unemployment to a level which further stimulated social unrest and violence.

This involves extra spending, but also, in the exceptional situation which the government has itself created, emergency action. The economic council suggests the restoration of cuts in the housing programme and bringing forward other major construction projects (the construction industry is particularly depressed). It suggests that, since electricity in the province is mostly derived from oil, its price — which is pegged to the London level — could be substantially reduced; that a sort of "insurance" against loss caused by unrest might be offered to outside investors; that incentives should be reviewed and marketing aid stepped up; and that a higher proportion of government orders should be routed to Northern Ireland firms.

On the last of these, there has been the welcome example of the award of a naval order to the Harland and Wolff yard, for which the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King, as well as the yard, should be congratulated. But otherwise reaction has been predictably cautious, amounting to little more than a promise to think about redeploying under-spending in the budget (e.g., that caused by not having much inward investment to subsidize). Many responsible people in the province feel that the government has allowed itself to assume a quite unacceptable risk and that, if nothing is done, there could be a spiral of further depression and violence until Ulster really does become ungovernable except by a massive military effort, which would consume even greater amounts of public resources.

Sir Charles Carter is chairman of the Northern Ireland Economic Council.

moreover... Miles Kington

Such a shlep this spelling out

Earlier this year I wrote a piece about klezmer music, a wild kind of Jewish folk music that I had never come across before, and played by a band called the Klezmerim, of whom I had never heard either. Thanks to those tireless readers who hate to see anyone wallowing in ignorance, I am now fairly clued-up on klezmer music and other aspects of Yiddish culture. In fact, there is an all-day festival of Yiddish culture at the Purcell Room on the South Bank this Sunday which features the Klezmerim on their first visit to Britain.

Klezmer music doesn't usually sound like jazz, even if it has roughly the same approach. But occasionally they do sound uncannily similar, one of my favourite old Benny Goodman records is a mid-1930s performance of "And the Angels Sing", with a bravura trumpet solo by Ziggy Elman. I didn't realize, until I heard a 1985 klezmer record containing the same tune, that the music was all stolen by Benny and Ziggy straight from the Jewish storehouse of musical themes, but I suppose that as they were both good Jewish boys, that's all right.

I have to be careful here about the distinction between Jewish and Yiddish. Jewish means everything from the Old Testament to Israel's latest entry in the Eurovision Song Contest; Yiddish refers specifically to the East European small town culture which led to the creation of the Yiddish tongue last century and put all those words like nudnik and schlemiel in S.J. Perelman's writings which I could never understand as a lad. It's odd that Yiddish culture seems to have implanted itself much better in America than in Britain: most of the Yiddish words that have come into common usage have an American flavour to English ears.

What I can never quite understand is how Yiddish is always claimed to be a separate language. The handiest guide to Yiddish that I know is an American book by Arthur Naiman called *Every Guy's Guide to Common Jewish Expressions*, and Naiman illustrates his subject right at the beginning by telling a Jewish joke. It's about a vampire which invades a princess's castle bedroom and creeps across the room towards her, fangs dripping. The princess wakes, shrieks, and holds up a silver crucifix. The vampire smiles and says: "Svet gorisht helfen".

If you're not Jewish, says Naiman, you will feel a helpless outsider for not understanding the punchline. Nonsense, say I; a

simple knowledge of German will tell you at once that it means "It won't be any help" (Es wird gar nicht helfen) because most Yiddish phrases, like the word Yiddish itself, are German pronounced slightly differently. There is very little Hebrew in Yiddish. The Americans like using the word shlep, for example, to mean "drag around", but how this differs importantly from the German word "schleppen" (to drag around) beats me.

The difference between German and Yiddish, I think, is all in the overtones and assumptions, rather than the words. It is often said that Jewish humorous anecdotes are the only ones in the world that end with a question. By the same token, German funny stories are the only ones that end with an explanation of the joke you had just heard. I have a paperback of Jewish funny stories published in Germany, by a German, in about 1960, and put out perhaps as a sort of late war reparation to the Jews. The most notable thing about the stories is that they tend to go on longer than anyone Jewish or English would tell them, past the actual punchline, so that the German listener actually gets the point in each joke. German words are there to do a job and do it efficiently; Yiddish words, even if ostensibly the same words, always seem to have a shrug, a wink, a lot unsoken behind them.

Recently I heard Ronnie Scott telling a new Jewish joke, and if it was new to him, it may well have been new. It was about two shipwrecked Jews who were finally rescued from their island years later. The rescue party couldn't help noticing that on this otherwise deserted island the two men had built not one, but two synagogues.

"Why the second synagogue?" asked the rescuers. The Jews looked at it askance.

"That's the one we don't go to," they said.

I think that's funny, and find it hard to say why — once you start to try to explain the network of Jewish snobbery, or comparative religion, indeed once you start explaining a joke, you start sinking. I would find it even harder to say why that joke is peculiarly Jewish, or even Yiddish, though I'm sure it is. Recently I read a history of the Jewish joke by Chaim Bermant, and I can't say I was much wiser at the end than at the beginning for all his explanations. Maybe what I need now is a festival of Jewish jokes at the Purcell Room, where people just tell jokes and nobody tries to explain them.



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A BALANCE OF DISADVANTAGE

In extending the Soviet Union's unilateral moratorium on nuclear tests until the end of the year, as he did on Monday, Mr Gorbachev was playing to his international audience. It was, as United States spokesmen were quick to note, a propaganda ploy, and an obvious one. But it should not on that account be underestimated.

When Moscow first announced its moratorium just over a year ago, it was met with a wave of goodwill around the world. From Europe to China, governments and parties with diverse sympathies hailed it as an appropriate and thoroughly praiseworthy way of commemorating the anniversary of Hiroshima. Scant consideration was given to how cheaply the Soviet Union had bought such political advantage: the Soviet testing programme was complete; the American one still in progress. And the test ban, reinforced by successive extensions, had had an effect. The strength and depth of that effect became apparent only last week when the US House of Representatives voted to ban all but the least powerful nuclear tests planned for next year so long as the Soviet ban was still in force. As a policy statement it is unlikely to receive further endorsement, least of all the approval of the President. As a reflection of a changed mood among Americans — those same Americans who had been so dismissive of Mr Gorbachev's initial announcement a year ago — it is a salutary reminder that propaganda ploys used often enough and consistently enough have their advantages.

But it was not only a propaganda ploy. And the Soviet leader's television address was not only, indeed not primarily, intended for foreign consumption. There are other means — international press conferences, official announcements and magazine interviews — the Soviet propaganda machine likes to employ for that purpose.

No, Mr Gorbachev's message was addressed above all to his fellow countrymen some of whom were perhaps concerned that their leader was prepared to sacrifice too much to place relations with the United

States on a more amicable footing. And the long and painstaking justification he gave for his decision illustrated the difficulties any leader, and not only the leader of what is still a very closed and uniform society, has in prosecuting his policies.

For Mr Gorbachev's moratorium, while avowedly an international success, was in some respects a liability at home. Not for its first four months, perhaps, when the domestic economy was such a priority; nor yet after its third renewal when the Chernobyl disaster had been used by Soviet leaders to demonstrate the dire effects of nuclear technology unleashed. But as the months went by and the American tests continued, the moratorium was bound to arouse criticism.

Some of that criticism surfaced in Mr Gorbachev's address, which carefully balanced attacks on the United States with a defence of the moratorium. It had paid off internationally, the Soviet leader said. It did not jeopardize Soviet security; if there came a point when it did, the testing programme could swiftly be revived. Soviet security interests were paramount. To extend the moratorium was no expression of weakness, rather it was a reflection of the Soviet Union's sense of responsibility for the preservation of peace. And if the United States went ahead with its Strategic Defence Initiative regardless, Moscow would have its own, undefined, alternative.

Declaring a unilateral moratorium was always going to be easier than rescinding it without a US response. The first action could be interpreted as that of a peacemaker; the second would be interpreted as a reversion to war-mongering and negate all the benefit. To that extent the initial declaration was a risk. It was also a risk in relations between the military and civilian sectors of the Soviet hierarchy. If the American administration could argue cogently on military grounds that a cessation of tests would damage national security, then so could the Soviet top brass.

Nonetheless, this was a risk

the Soviet leadership must have calculated. It may even — to judge by Mr Gorbachev's polemic and his insistence on the collectivity of the decision — have been subjected to keen debate in the Kremlin. And here economic as well as political realities will have played their part.

Recent Western analyses have suggested that the Soviet Union is facing a reduction of 30 per cent or more in its hard currency revenue this year solely as a result of the fall in world oil prices. Even greatly increased sales of gold and other goods would be unable to compensate for this fall, and Western currency movements could increase the loss by half again. Nor would a dramatic rise in oil prices necessarily help because of the delayed pricing mechanism Moscow applies to its oil sales to the East European countries.

Such an unpredicted shortfall in revenue is likely to handicap Soviet modernization plans so long as the Soviet Union is not self-sufficient in either food or technology. Some believe it will force — indeed, may already have forced — harsh choices on the Kremlin, choices between maintaining military development at its present level and fulfilling promises about living standards made in the current five-year plan.

It is not that past Soviet administrations have been reluctant to leave such promises unfulfilled, but rather that the Gorbachev leadership, more than any before it, has equated the greater contentment of the people — the "human factor" — with the image of the communist system as a whole.

This was a dangerous course to take, and one which may already have forced the Kremlin into compromises, of which the extended moratorium on nuclear testing, its more flexible approach to verification and its latest initiative on inspection of military manoeuvres are only isolated examples. This much Mr Gorbachev has been able to deliver, but not — to judge by his television address — without opposition. How much more is his to offer must now be open to question.

DANGER: MICE AT PLAY

The Conservative cats are away — in Tuscany, in France, in Dulwich. Serious political infighting has finally ceased for the Summer holidays. Hence the Conservative mice are at play — the one side distributing illiterate publications in which a distinguished former Conservative Prime Minister is branded as a war criminal, the other side being forced to the embarrassing extent of a court injunction to halt publication.

On one level, the internal Tory row over *New Agenda*, the magazine of the Federation of Conservative Students, is a classic silly season escapade. There is something faintly absurd about an official Conservative Party journal (in which the name of Mr Leon Brittan, amongst others, is consistently misspelled) being stripped of its Conservative Party markings and confiscated through court action initiated by the holidaying party chairman.

It is, at best, low farce which reflects well neither on the FCS, whose magazine editor Mr Harry Phibbs broke Party rules by failing to have his copy approved by Central Office, nor on the Central Office machine itself, which, knowing the unreliable track record of the FCS, could surely have done more to discover what was being concealed from it.

Once the magazine had entered the public domain, however, the Tories had little option but to restrict its

publication as much as they possibly could. After all, Mr Phibbs, a vigorous young publicity-seeker, had refused to obey his elders' instructions that the issue be withdrawn.

In the past such offenders could be taken behind the traditional Conservative arras and given a good talking. Such experiences were almost a training session for later life under the Whips. Alternatively, the matter could normally have been allowed to drop with the weary shrug that student politics is, well, student politics. Remember the time when the Secretary of State for X let off a fire extinguisher at the Monday Club rally in 1957, ho, ho, and so on.

This case, however, cannot be dismissed as just another student rag in political disguise. The subject in question was the allegation in Count Nikolai Tolstoy's recent book, *The Minister and the Massacre*, that the then Mr Harold Macmillan was responsible for the deaths of 40,000 cosaks, handed over to the Soviet Union and promptly massacred, as a result of post-war bargaining between the allies.

In *New Agenda* the attribution of this responsibility went far beyond the careful weighing of historical evidence. A verdict of "Guilty" was pronounced in true blue capital letters on the cover. The relationship between the wartime allies in the latter stages of the Second World War has

not yet been fully explored, and Mr Tolstoy's book about Anglo-Soviet agreements (on which the offending feature article was based) interview is only one contribution.

These are matters for historians. It is undignified and worse that they should be exploited for the purposes of scandal mongering in a student magazine, published with the imprimatur of Lord Stockton's party and accompanied by a recommendation that he be stripped of the Tory whip if he failed to give a reply satisfactory to Mr Phibbs.

There are certain now to be renewed calls for the suspension of the FCS similar to those that followed the violence at its annual conference at Loughborough University last year. That would probably be a mistake. Tory students tend to divide into the ultra-right and the ultra-left. There ought to be as much room for the FCS students who believe in the legalization of incest and the privatisation of nuclear weapons as for the rival Young Conservatives who believe in limitless welfare budgets and the promotion of Peter Walker.

But if the FCS is to enjoy the Tory Party's protection and patronage, it will have to keep within the party rules. Accordingly, the FCS ought to ask itself if Mr Phibbs has obeyed its own rules — and Central Office should ask whether the FCS needs a more attentive watchdog.

The Trustee Savings Banks use of in carrying out its duties. So far so good, as any competent constitutional lawyer will confirm.

To define "the State" is less easy, but fortunately it is unnecessary. In the British State the ultimate and irreplaceable source of political power and of title to property is the Monarchy, so that after making all necessary deductions in respect of the Government, the Crown and (perhaps) the Church of England, there is clearly one single institution unquestionably marked out as being (to take a legal analogy) in the position of residuary legatee.

The Trustee Savings Banks belong to her Majesty the Queen. Yours faithfully, ANDREW GILCHRIST, Arthur's Crap, Hazelbank, By Lanark.

Awful warning

From Mr E. F. Northcote
Sir, "Toxic" is a much better word than "poisonous" (letter, August 18). It is shorter and it includes an "x" for the benefit of Scrabble players. Yours faithfully, EDWARD F. NORTHCOTE, Flat 22, 12a, Cambalt Road, SW15, August 18.

A case for delay

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist
Sir, May I suggest that you are over-hasty in condemning Mr Ian Stewart's distinction between the State, the Crown and the Government as "inappropriate and inadequate" (leading article, August 13).

Under the British Constitution the Government is a political mechanism with the duty of handling the day-to-day business of the country; and the Crown is the name for a kind of repository or holding company for the prop-

Philosophy as end or adjunct

From Mr Tom Cross

Sir, Professor Ayer's letter (August 12) on what he sees as a threat to the study of philosophy projects a natural concern at the decline of the discipline but fails to examine why this should be so.

He continues to hold firmly to the view that it is essentially a critical activity operating within an empiricist framework, which quite logically leads to its being seen as an adjunct or aid to other disciplines. As a form of intellectual grammar it has, therefore, no identity of its own and cannot itself make any contribution to the sum of human knowledge.

Traditionally, philosophy was seen as the derivative line of human thought from which particular lines of enquiry could develop and be pursued with a factual rigour which would establish its truth and extend man's knowledge of both the world and the larger cosmos.

In its adherence to positivism, a singular promotion of Professor Ayer, it has abandoned this function and left such enquiry as there is into ultimate reality to what is assumed to be the competence of specialist disciplines. They, lacking an holistic view, spend their time usefully refining their areas of interest but fail to forge ahead into the literally unknown which was once the principal concern of philosophers.

If philosophy is to endure and grow as an academic study it must from time to time re-examine its roots and be clear as to the direction it is taking. There are many who would argue that in the history of philosophy there is evidence of a rhythmic movement in human thought from the speculative to the critically sceptical and back again to speculation.

Philosophy's present difficulties are to be seen in its failure to

observe where the pendulum stands.

Yours faithfully, TOM CROSS, 19 Higher Heyes Drive, Kingsley, via Warrington, Cheshire.

From Dr Robert Beazer

Sir, Your correspondent, Professor Sir Alfred Ayer (August 12), is surely right in rejecting the belief that philosophical enquiry is a luxury which cannot be put to practical use. One important application could be in the teaching of medical ethics. It would be encouraging to think that in future there might be provision for the extension of philosophy teaching into the medical curriculum.

Increasingly doctors are asked to make sophisticated moral judgements for which their training does not equip them. The problems arising from the Warnock report, the Gillick judgement, the issue of euthanasia and public discussion about the fair allocation of health care resources amongst others put a heavy responsibility on the individual judgement of doctors. They rarely feel adequate to cope.

Having taken a degree in philosophy before reading medicine I have become involved in teaching medical ethics to young doctors training in the Oxford region for a career in general practice. They feel the subject is important, difficult and inadequately covered in their undergraduate years.

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Yours faithfully, JOHN FORD (Solicitor), 116 Wilberforce Road, N4.

New passport

From Mr John Temple-Smith
Sir, Mr Miles Cato (August 14) must clearly be one of those fortunate holidaymakers who can take a personal secretary with them on their travels, thus relieving them of the need to carry a passport on their person.

Speaking as a lesser (but no less liege) subject of her Majesty, I have no love for the present passport. How often, lying back on my mattress on the sun-drenched Riviera, have I cursed the ob-

True and false wage effects

From Mr G. V. Lawrence

Sir, Alec Nove, in his article, "Low wages don't work" (August 8), is correct when he comments upon the lowness of British wages when compared to our more successful competitors, but he is confusing cause and effect when he infers that high wages are not a strong contributory cause of unemployment.

German and Japanese labour have consistently been less demanding in the frequency, and especially the magnitude, of their wage demands and in fact, in nominal terms UK wages have risen at a much higher rate than those of our rivals.

Professor Nove touched on the core of the problem in observing that sterling has depreciated whilst the mark and yen have appreciated, but he failed to draw the valid conclusion. In pressing for higher nominal wages, British labour has ended up with lower real wages. It has also, as a result, suffered more unemployment and higher inflation; the divergence of our respective exchange rates has seen to that.

Higher nominal wage pressure vis-à-vis our rivals has led to cost inflation, lower competitiveness, balance of payments deficits, pressure on the exchange rate, government countervailing action in raising interest rates, and possible fiscal contraction.

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THE COUNTRY OF THE GOOD WORKS.

SWITZERLAND'S PART IN THE WAR.
(From Our Special Correspondent.)

ZURICH.
With the exception of one or two hard moments, the history of Switzerland during the war has for the outer world been uneventful.

Blessed beyond words by having been spared the armed violence of the enemy, she has from the first devoted herself, while mobilising her army against any possible invader, to offering her thanks to Heaven and maintaining her traditional attitude among the nations by doing good to the unhappy and innocent victims whom the fortune of war brings within her reach. I am not speaking here of the interned prisoners, now nearly 30,000 in number, and at any rate of the day or night, a crowd of Swiss people have met those trains and done their best, by food and gifts and cheering words and singing, to express their sympathy with the passengers. In the early days this spontaneous outpouring of loving-kindness, from lack of experience and organization, and from the very warmth of feeling which inspired it, tended to be not only overwhelming to the recipients, but extravagant. Now, though the warmth of feeling remains — some (and many indeed have not failed to meet a single train — the organization is perfect, and the systematic relief of the *rapatriés*, civil and military, has become a disciplined habit. I have seen several trains stop at stations and have marvelled at the sympathetic faces of the spectators, who have witnessed the scene so many times that at first one might expect to find them to have become indifferent. But the zeal with which the authorized workers distribute coffee, soup, tobacco, and chocolate, and the school children sing their hymns of hope and patriotism, remains unabated, and those who have no active work to do can at least raise encouraging cheers. Nor must we forget the devoted ladies who accompany the trains all the way.

The number of French civilians returned through Switzerland to France up to the present exceeds 230,000. Day after day the trains come through. I have just witnessed the arrival of the 47th. And day after day since the tide of miserable humanity began to flow, at all the stations on the way — at Schaffhausen, Zurich, Bern, Lucerne, Geneva, and wherever else the train stops, and at any rate of the day or night, a crowd of Swiss people have met those trains and done their best, by food and gifts and cheering words and singing, to express their sympathy with the passengers. In the early days this spontaneous outpouring of loving-kindness, from lack of experience and organization, and from the very warmth of feeling which inspired it, tended to be not only overwhelming to the recipients, but extravagant. Now, though the warmth of feeling remains — some (and many indeed have not failed to meet a single train — the organization is perfect, and the systematic relief of the *rapatriés*, civil and military, has become a disciplined habit. I have seen several trains stop at stations and have marvelled at the sympathetic faces of the spectators, who have witnessed the scene so many times that at first one might expect to find them to have become indifferent. But the zeal with which the authorized workers distribute coffee, soup, tobacco, and chocolate, and the school children sing their hymns of hope and patriotism, remains unabated, and those who have no active work to do can at least raise encouraging cheers. Nor must we forget the devoted ladies who accompany the trains all the way.

A "CHEERFUL" TRAIN
The incident which happens nearly every day of the week at Zurich station seems to me one of the most pathetic that I have met during the war. I do not meet readily, but on this occasion I was on the verge of breaking down twice, and there were more wet eyes on that railway platform than I have ever seen at a funeral. And this, it seems, was a particularly "cheerful" train. Its freight this day consisted of 70 old men, 350 women, 70 children, 40 babies under four, and four dogs. Their homes, of course, have long ceased to exist. But they have not lost everything they possessed. When, after the train had been emptied and disinfected, I walked through the carriages I saw in the luggage racks all that remained to them after the Germans had done with them. Over each seat was a small bundle containing in a rug of blanket, something that the refugees had felt could simply not be left behind. Sometimes it was a clock, often a broken toy; one grandmother had brought merely the six umbrellas of the family. Not all the passengers were able to alight. The oldest woman that I saw was 93. But in the previous train there had been one of 98, who confidently asserted her intention of living yet two more years, in order that she might see the final destruction of the Boche, who has robbed her of all she had in the world.

Totally improper
From Mr H. T. Sowden
Sir, Perhaps Mrs Cherry (August 15) is a bit unfair to take her husband to task for asking for his breakfast egg to be boiled for a "full four minutes". I suspect he recognised that while the boiling was in progress she would be making the coffee, keeping an eye on the toast, searching for the marmalade and dishing out the fibre. Hardly an empty four minutes.

Yours faithfully, HARRY SOWDEN, Larch Cottage, Pilgrims' Close, Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey.

Exception to rule
From Mr Ronald Davis
Sir, This morning I drew up behind a car which had a label on the back window which said "All property is theft".

I said to the driver as he got out: "Is that your car?" He said: "Yes". Yours faithfully, RONALD DAVIS, 20 Brunswick Terrace, Margate, Sussex, August 8.

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Anne will reopen Dilke's bookshop in Gower Street on September 25.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the film premiere of *Elvis at the Cannon Theatre* on September 25.

Princess Alexandra will open the new studio building of BBC Radio Kent at Sun Pier, Chatham, on September 17.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr O. Dixon and Miss C.S. May
The engagement is announced between Olaf, son of the late Mr O. Dixon and Mrs M. Wright, of Leamington Spa, and Caroline, daughter of Dr and Mrs W. D. May, of Swindon.

Mr R.L. Dewar and Miss E.A. Forsyth
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs L. R. Dewar, of Pottery Bar, Hertfordshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Forsyth, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr J. Fowler and Miss P.A. Calvert-Jones
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Fowler, of North Balwyn, Victoria, Australia, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Calvert-Jones, of Kew, Victoria, Australia.

Mr R.E. Gyselyck and Miss H.P. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Gyselyck, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. P. Taylor, of Bolton, Lancashire.

Mr J.W.K. Mackenzie and Miss E.J. Raikes
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of the late Brigadier Mackenzie of Garloch and of Mrs Mackenzie of Garloch, and Emma, eldest daughter of the late Mr Robin Raikes and of Mrs Robin Raikes, 3 Denham Green Place, Edinburgh.

Mr A.M. Morris and Miss N.A. Hemming
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs A. Morris, of Heath, Bedfordshire, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Hemming, of Hartwell, Northamptonshire.

Mr M.A. Newman and Miss R.B. Aylward
The engagement is announced between Mr and Mrs M.A. Newman, of Dowlands, Merthyr Tydfil, and Rebecca Bridget, daughter of Dr and Mrs Mansel Aylward, of Cern Coed-y-Cymer, Mid-Glamorgan, Glamorgan.

Princess Alexandra will open the extension to the New Victoria Hospital, Kingston upon Thames, on September 24.

Birthdays today

Mr Reginald Bevis, 78; Mr J. M. Clay, 59; Lieutenant-General Sir John Cowley, 81; Mr John Embury, 34; Mr Anatole Fistioulari, 79; Mr Rajiv Gandhi, 42; Mr Roy Hay, 76; Sir John Plumb, 75; General Sir Nigel Poole, 79; Mr Johnny Prescott, 48; Mr Brian Rees, 57; Mr Robert Robson, of Kidlington, 67.

Marriages

Mr A.S.N. Smith and Miss C.M. Roope
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of the late Colonel A. P. Smith, OBE, and of Mrs Priscilla Smith, of Lander, Berwickshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Michael Roope, of Cleve, Avon.

Mr A.M. Stevens and Miss L.S. Hopfinger
The engagement is announced between Alan, elder son of Mr R. George Stevens, of Bourne, Dorset, and Mrs J. P. Stevens, of St Brelade, Jersey, and Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. B. Hopfinger, of Coventry, West Midlands.

Mr H.N. Jones and Miss S.J. Nicholls-Marcy
The engagement is announced between H.N. Jones, of St Brelade, Jersey, and Sandra Nicholls-Marcy, of Hendon.

Mr G.M. Potter and Miss K.M. Smedley
The marriage took place on August 9, at All Saints', Woodham, Surrey, of Mr Gary Michael Potter, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. G. Potter, and Miss Katherine Smedley, younger daughter of Sir Harold and Lady Smedley.

Mr M.J. Allen and Miss L.E.J. Holland
The marriage took place on August 2, at the Parish Church of St Mary, Teydun, Bois, between Mr Michael Allen and Miss Louise Holland.

Dr J. Milford and Miss F. Pellat
The marriage took place on Saturday August 16, in Harewood, between Dr James Milford, son of Mrs Jean Milford, and the late Mr Michael Milford, and Miss Frances Pellat, daughter of Mr and Mrs Apley Pellat, of Maroussa, Zimbabwe.

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BIRTHS

CLARKE - On 18th August, at St George's Hospital, London, a son, David, to Pamela (nee Churchill) and David, a son, Alexander.

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DEATHS

ASKEW - On 18th August, 1986, in his 96th year, peacefully at home, Herbert Roydon Askew, OBE, beloved husband of Dorothy, and father of Shirley (Dorothy) and Joan. Funeral service at St George's Hospital, London, on August 22nd, 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to the District Council of London, 100 Victoria Road, London W8 4AL.

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Michael Croft, director of the National Youth Theatre, raising a glass to the group's thirtieth anniversary yesterday with the actors (clockwise) Ian McShane, Simon Ward, and Paula Wilcox, who all learned their stagecraft with the company, at a luncheon at the Shaw Theatre, London yesterday (Photograph: John Manning).

Science report

New process for making alloys

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new way of making the special alloys needed in magnetic memory systems, or as catalysts in chemical processes, has been invented.

The method, developed in a research programme between University College of North Wales, Bangor, and two Danish universities, opens a route for large-scale production of exotic materials which are difficult to create by established techniques.

Elaborate precautions are needed when cooling a molten preparation to precipitate out this type of alloy, so as to prevent the molecules from forming crystals.

The formation of ultra-fine alloys, in an amorphous or non-crystalline state, is done by depositing a vapour of the

compound on some suitable surface, or of preparing a film or thin ribbon of the substance by a process known as the liquid quenching technique.

The method perfected by Dr Stuart Charles and Dr Steven Wells, in Bangor, with colleagues in Denmark is described in a paper published in *Nature*. The research was done with a grant from the Danish Technical Research Council.

The alloy they made was an amorphous preparation of iron, cobalt and boron. The scientists suggested that it was a good illustration of the simplicity of the development in which a chemical method was used instead of liquid quenching. The established process was liable to faults in the part of the operation where very rapid cooling occurred.

THE ARTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL
Cinema: David Robinson

Revelation from China

Television Who to blame?

The most important piece to cover was the victim's head. The detective in tones well-rehearsed nonchalance. Once recovered from the Thames, the elusive last part of the anatomical jigsaw puzzle confirmed that Christel Boyce had been strangled; what it could not do was count the circumstances of a murder which were to become the key issue of her husband's trial.

No One Speaks for the Dead (Thames) examined this and other cases where men had strangled women, freely admitted the killing and then led guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of provocation. In each case, the defence successfully traduced the victim's character in court, and the prosecution failed to all witnesses in rebuttal. The cases were accepted and the killers received sentences of, respectively, six, six and four years imprisonment.

This well-researched but rather tendentious documentary interviewed those witnesses who earnestly described the victims as kind-hearted, generous, compassionate — as people, in other words, who deserved neither the original violence nor the drastic vindication. There is obviously something rotten in the state of justice if this can occur, but to blame the judiciary's maleness *per se* was a slender reed: the population, he real problem surely is the type of man who becomes a judge.

For fun, one had to turn to the last of the current Max Jaudrean Show (Channel 4), sandwiched between the monastic pubescent fantasies of the pop promo videos, Mr Jaudrean's computer-enhanced face conducted a "masa-to-masara" interview with a not-male-looking "sensation" of Boy George. "I'm delicious, ecstatic... I consider myself to be perfectly sane". While George emphasized his forthcoming book, Max indulged in a dazzling sash. "Ah yes," he sighed. "Renaissance Man".

Martin Cropper

Summerscope
S/Zagrosk
Elizabeth Hall

few of the many pieces by Kurt Weill encountered by the London Sinfonietta during the last decade can have had quite the chilling impact of that composer's *Der Berliner Requiem*, written for radio in 1928. During its course it broods popular marches, alzes, even a Bach recitative, but not so much for the sake of making bittily witty political comment as for that of uttering a genuine, despairing lament.

For this is grim, deathly music, partly inspired by the political murder of the pacifist Rosa Luxemburg, partly by the consequences of the First World War, and all those melodies conspire to form a liturgical, starkly defined procession. It made quite a contrast to the lighter, though in their way equally penetrating, songs of *Happy End*, also heard here, though both works are sung idiomatically by a team consisting of Maureen Heathwaite, Linda Hirst, Alexander Oliver, Stephen Roberts and Terry Edwards.

It is difficult to think of anything more violently opposed to these works, both in language and intent, than the music of Webern, Ravel or Bartok. Perhaps that is why he Bartok that appeared in yet another adventurous programme was *Contrasts*, though the title derives simply from the three diverse timbres of clarinet, violin and piano used in the work.

The selected bare bones of his orchestra, Nona Liddell (violin), Michael Collins (clarinet) and John Alley (piano), set the tone for the remainder of the concert, for Bartok's aster movements demand the same biting brilliance and rhythmic precision as Weill. There was a relentless march about the opening march that was nicely counterbalanced by the innocent wit of the last, whirling dance while, in-between, the nocturnal murmurings of the slow movement evoked something beyond the relaxation indicated in its Hungarian title.

If crispness was the predominant characteristic of this playing, in Ravel's Introduction and Allegro a slightly larger team, spearheaded by the controlled elegance and virtuosity of Helen Tunstall's harp-playing, helped by the hall's relatively dry acoustic. That was also to the advantage of Webern's Five Orchestral Pieces, Op 10, aphorisms of immense depth, given here with a clear beat from Lothar Zagrosk and, partly in consequence, with a natural feel for line, gesture and, critically, colour.

Stephen Pettitt

The big revelation of the Edinburgh International Film Festival — this year celebrating its fortieth edition — comes from China. Two new films confirm that *Yellow Earth* was no flash in the pan, but that there really is a conspiracy to supplant the old cardboard heroes and villains of official Communist mythology with flesh-and-blood people.

Like *Yellow Earth*, both Jianzhong Huang's *A Girl of Good Family* and Nuanxin Zhang's *Sacrificed Youth* treat the lives of remote communities practically untouched by modern civilization. The new artists recognize these ancient cultures as sources of Chinese thought and character. Even the most primitive and oppressive traditions are viewed with compassion rather than the sweeping condemnation required by earlier Communist dogma.

Set in 1948, *A Girl of Good Family* is the story of a young woman sold in marriage, according to custom, to a six-year-old husband. A curious attachment — neither parental nor marital — grows up between the kindly wife and her bed-wetting spouse; and, when she falls in love in a normal way with a young man, the adultery wounds both partners in the unlikely marriage. Such exotic relationships have never been described on the screen before, but Huang realizes them with subtlety, credibility and (particularly in the naïve stratagems of the jealous little boy) a lot of humour. The place and its customs are described with ethnographical care and breathtaking images.

There are comparable qualities in *Sacrificed Youth*, the work of a woman director, which recalls the experiences of students in the years of the Cultural Revolution, sent out to do manual labour in rural areas. Arriving in a Dai village wearing the

drab cotton suit which was the Party-approved uniform of those times, the heroine is shocked by the country girls' bright clothes, nude bathing and unabashed flirting with the village boys. In time she relaxes to their easier ways, though finally the aggressive, unrestrained emotions of her hosts prove too much for her.

These films provide the rare thrill of discovering a new society and the private sentiments of the people within it, and inspire regret that channels of communication with Chinese cinema are at present so erratic. Sadder still however are current reports of a clamp-down on more progressive films and their makers.

America's independent film-makers, always strongly represented in Edinburgh, seem currently to be compensating for the commercial cinema's preoccupation with action fantasies or the sexual initiation of retarded schoolkids by concentrating on films about intimate, mature human relationships.

Bill Sherwood's *Parting Glances*, which opens soon in London, is a good-looking, well-made and sophisticated low-budget feature with resonances a lot larger than its immediate subject. Set among New York yuppie society, it centres on a homosexual couple (played by Richard Ganoong and John Bolger) and their friends, in particular a gifted, cynical musician dying from AIDS. The film's unusual merit is its sense of relationships — not only homosexual — that have been toughened and ripened by long duration, and of love that can withstand even boredom. An *ingénue* (Adam Nathan) who tries to crash his way into the central affair finds these rooted relationships far too strong to breach.

Gus van Sant's *Malinche* likewise triumphs over penury of re-

sources, using its grainy 16mm images with expressionist flair to convey a vivid sense of a place (a shum district of Portland, Oregon) and its people. Homosexuality figures here too: the protagonist, a tattooed young storekeeper, falls hopelessly for a young Mexican illegal immigrant, who in return teases, exploits, abuses and bullies him. Van Sant's picture of the Mexican boy and his friends, living a hungry, fugitive existence which has turned them as fierce and untrusting as alley-cats, sticks in the mind long after the film.

The best part of Lizzie Borden's *Working Girls* is also a sense of environment: a Manhattan brothel, during the course of one normal working day. The neo-documentary style is effective enough, but we seem to have seen these women who lead nice bourgeois private lives out of hours, and the customers with their infantile sexual fantasies, rather often before. A much more original and lively female portrait features in *She's Got a Hole in It*, an all-black production, directed by Spike Lee. The heroine is a sophisticated and self-aware young woman whose urges impel her to a carefree promiscuity — with disconcerting effects on the egos of her three rival lovers.

Working in association with the National Film Archive, Edinburgh has made a genuine historical rediscovery in Bernard Vorhaus, who was interviewed at length about his career by Geoff Brown on this page last week. Vorhaus — still enviably vigorous at 81 and clearly ready to return to work at the drop of a shoestring budget — is in Edinburgh, modestly delighted to be brought out of his 35-year exile in the wilderness of St John's Wood.

The half-dozen films already unearthed by the NFA, show that the admiration of David Lean — who first



A study in durable relationships: the gentle cold shoulder from Richard Ganoong (left) for the boy (Adam Nathan) who tries to break into the central affair of *Parting Glances*

reminded the world of Vorhaus's existence — is not misplaced. His modest British thrillers, with titles like *Crime on the Hill*, *Dusty Ermine* and *The Last Journey*, reveal a distinguished talent. Vorhaus was far ahead of his contemporaries in his bold use of locations (stretches of the Great Western Railway figure in *The Last Journey*) and his fluid, dynamic cutting. He reveals great skill for character, and made rich use of the great acting talent offered by the London stage in the Thirties. The films are as enjoyable in their way as early Hitchcock, and augur well for next winter's National Film Theatre retrospective.

Opera: John Higgins

Queen of Spades King's Theatre

The comfortably refurbished King's, until somebody really does take the decision awaited these many years to start digging a hole in the ground for an opera house, remains Edinburgh's main lyric theatre. But no opera has been heard in it during the festival until this, the second week. The visitors are the Maly Theatre of Leningrad and with them they bring Tchaikovsky's two Pushkin operas, *Eugene Onegin* and *Queen of Spades*, plus Sionimsky's *Maria Stuart*.

The impression made on the opening night by *Queen of Spades* was no more than modest. There were all too many signs of travel fatigue. Shoddy and erratic lighting, noises off including a plentitude of prompting, huge intervals which turned one of the Russian language into a four-hour opera, all probably made S.L. Gaudasinsky's production look rather worse than it really is. Too many things went wrong, but some of them were probably not right in the first place.

There was for instance the body of servants grovelling around the Countess as she prepares for bed in the central act. To fawn, as the Tchaikovskys, Pyotr and Modeste, required in the libretto, is one thing; to grovel is another. It destroyed the musical approach to the Countess's dreamy recollection of the good old days when songs were songs and dear Grévy was still composing. Even so I.P. Bogachova (initials only throughout in the programme) still managed to give the performance of the evening as an iron matriarch of dignity and authority — memories of Edith Evans's marvellous

performance in the Thorold Dickinson film.

It destroyed too the tension of Hermann waiting in the gloom behind the curtains to wrest the secret of three cards, which will win him a fortune at the gaming tables, from the old lady. Not that A.T. Kapustin in the role was a great tension-builder, except in the Tod Slaughter manner. Altogether he had an unhappy and clumsy evening both vocally and dramatically. Notes were lost — so too apparently was the pistol with which Hermann confronts the Countess — his boots squeaked, props got in the way and the tenor too often sounded dusty and dry until the final scene. The Hermann of both Pushkin and Tchaikovsky, ice-cold in his ambition and pathetic in his obsession, is a rather different figure.

Better performances came from the women. V.S. Yusvenko (assuming that the first of the two Lisas listed on the programme was singing) had a true streak of apprehensive melancholy running through her soprano, which has richness when not pressed too hard; unlike some of her colleagues she is an accomplished actress. N.I. Romanova was a blessedly accurate and musical Pauline. Among the men N.D. Kopilov's Prince Yevsky was admirable; his vocal tone and good manners could be used as an example in an evening which was generally far too rough for festival standards.

An exception has to be made for the Maly orchestra, under V.V. Kozhin, which really got to grips with the score, part pastiche and part high psychological drama, which Tchaikovsky wrote for this illustrious opera. With them go the hopes for the next two works, plus a prayer for rather more hours of preparation.



Honest effort: Mariusz Malecki, Ewa Glowacka

suitors time to introduce themselves to her before they dance together.

Ewa Glowacka and Mariusz Malecki as Aurora and Desiré gave performances that were honest enough though not what one might hope for an international festival. What I found disconcerting about them and the other dancers was their inconsistency. They would do some things rather well, then lapse with a poor stretched leg, a half-hearted movement of the arm. There are some obvious

veterans among the cast who carry themselves with dignity, and some rather young faces that have an eager promise, provided that they get the right teaching.

Of course, for all its long history, the company had to start again from scratch after the Second World War, under Leon Woiczowski's direction. It rather looks as if their stylistic limitations may spring from that. There is a spirit about the dancers which one would like to see developed and improved.

Dance: John Percival

Sleeping Beauty Playhouse

Some credit is due to Frank Dunlop for looking off the beaten track for a company to bring *The Sleeping Beauty* to this year's Edinburgh Festival and finding one that has not been to Britain before. The Warsaw Ballet is one of the longest established in the world and in the past Poland has given outstanding talents to the international scene, Nijinsky among them.

The present company has no dancers of top class. In fact its qualities, although respectable, have to be seen by international standards as what used to be called provincial. To put it in perspective, both Royal Ballet companies generally put out stronger casts in this work, but by no means invariably.

The production of *The Sleeping Beauty* is new, premiered in April. Piotr Gusev, who staged it, has impeccable credentials. Now 82, he once danced both Prince Desiré and the Bluebird in Leningrad under the direction of Fedor Lopukhov, who probably understood Petipa's choreography better than anyone else. Besides, Gusev's assistants included Irina Kolpakova, re-

membered as an Aurora of rare quality with the Kirov Ballet. So the set dances are given in authentic versions and, where they sometimes differ in detail from those familiar in British productions, it is not necessarily we who are right. In the garden dance, for instance, it is refreshing to see children again as well as adults, and Gusev's version has some very pretty touches, including the children dancing under arches of boughs held by the men.

On the other hand, Gusev seems not very fond of traditional mime, and he treats Tchaikovsky's score to some savage cuts. He avoids all the usual explanation about the witch Carabosse and her anger by adding a sequence during the overture in which the good fairies are seen arriving for Aurora's christening and are admitted by the master of ceremonies who rudely pushes Carabosse away. After that, Gusev cuts straight to the fairies' usual entrance, missing out all the processions which help build atmosphere. It is odd, too, that the fairies apparently stopped somewhere between the front door and the great hall of the palace to put on cloaks and find their attendants.

There are some nice touches, such as having the baby held aloft at the point when we usually see the Lilac Fairy go home. How convincing also, when Carabosse vanishes in a puff of smoke after her spell has worked, that the four princes make a solemn pact and go off in different directions to look for her. But omitting the hunting scene altogether not only inflicts another wound on Tchaikovsky but means that Prince Desiré's arrival on the scene seems to happen by pure accident.

Jadwiga Jarosiewicz's designs seem made with a view to economy that hardly accords with the ballet's sumptuous expectations. Mirrors and candles do provide some glitter in the last scene. The placing of the thrones looks wrong in every scene, making the king and queen either peer askance at the dancers or gaze steadily out at their backs while the fairies bless a child they are not looking at.

We could have done with a few more players in the pit than the 61 which the Scottish Chamber Orchestra provides. However, they played very attractively under Bogdan Olecki's conducting, and it is good to hear a proper harp cadenza before the Rose Adagio, allowing Aurora's four

Caroline Moorehead meets Nicholas Mosley (right), whose novel *Judith*, third in a vast series of four, has recently been published

Life as a likeable concern

needed to write lots of novels to say what was going on. As the novels grew, and spread, he went on trying to express something he says he finds extremely hard to explain, but which goes something like this: only some things, like death, betrayal and drama, make good stories; ordinary life, simply carrying on, is boring. To make it interesting, you have to convey excitement. "I thought," says Mosley, "I would write about the secret things growing: once you're conscious of some thread in the midst of this, then there is something hopeful."

And have people understood? Mosley, who is a tall, thin man, who stands with his shoulders hunched up, like a watchful bird, and of whom a friend once said that his struggle for complete intellectual honesty made him "almost a saint", laughs. "Ah no. No one understands what I'm on about at all. Perhaps I'm in the dark myself. Perhaps, while I'm writing about something growing secretly, I myself am growing secretly. It's extremely hard to put into words without sounding like something out of Pseudo's Corner."

The sequence of novels, produced quickly, for Mosley works hard, writing, rewriting, all day, most days, was broken in the early 1980s by two



books about his parents, *Rules of the Game* and *Beyond the Pale*. He had long thought of writing something about his father, Sir Oswald Mosley, but had imagined it might be no more than a short memoir, "and that tells you nothing about anything". When his father died in 1980, however, a vast quantity of papers and letters came his way, many more than he knew existed and some to do with his mother Cynthia, who died when he was a child. "As a writer, I was taken over by the vision of the story. Some of the family felt that it was wrong to put in so much personal stuff. But I felt it was a potent story, showing talented and passionate human beings, and that if you show that I can't see that you believe them."

Nicholas Mosley was nine when the British Union of Fascists was launched and a master at school nicknamed him "Baby Blackshirt"; he was 16, and at Eton, when his father was sent to prison. Was it hard to write, not just of his parents, but of a father like Mosley? "It's always amazingly hard to write about yourself. I suppose my own father was such a strange figure, so complex and controversial to have as a father, that over the years I had to come to terms with it or I would have been in a bad way. When I was younger I'd been scared of him. But I came to see at a moment when he was interested in talking, and I was very close to him all the time he was in goal, and just afterwards, when we didn't talk about politics. By the time I came to write the books, there was no more agonizing. Nicholas Mosley himself has inherited the barony of Ravensdale from his aunt Irene. "And so for a time I went to the House of Lords and called myself a Liberal as I did the stuff up to a point. By nature, I'm a total non-politician. You've got to love intrigues and talk and wheeler-dealing and the corridors, and I was hopeless at all that. You can't go in and just be a rubber-neck." He left before his maiden speech, not, he says, because he felt it was a cheat and that he was a writer, and being a writer made him always "the observer, looking for patterns at the back of things". He adds: "Perhaps when I'm too old and flaked out to write a decent book I'll put my nose in again."

Neither politics nor filmmaking, then; but a return to what has proved an extremely satisfying balance between fiction and non-fiction, broken by long hikes across Hampstead, where he lives, gardening, and family holidays with five children and six grandchildren in Majorca where, 12 years ago, he bought a derelict farmhouse. In *Beyond the Pale*, Mosley wrote of his attempt to "create an attitude by which the darkness in people (there is always darkness) might be made to seem not so much evil as somewhat ridiculous: evil may then be excoriated; ridiculousness becomes life-giving. It is this, and the writing about life as some kind of likeable going concern", that matter now.

● *Judith* is published by Secker & Warburg at £11.95.

BBCSO/Atherton Albert Hall/Radio 3

Someone at the BBC has the wisdom to keep on plugging the music of Luigi Dallapiccola, even if not many people (as yet) care to listen. Last year his *Canti di prigionia* were powerfully delivered by the BBC Singers. Now that work's stage counterpart, the 1948 one-act opera *Il prigioniero*, has been given a stunning concert performance by the same choir and the BBC Symphony Orchestra under David Atherton. It is one of three Dallapiccola works in this year's Proms.

The story is brutally simple. An inquisition prisoner is subjected to psychological torture worthy of our own sophisticated century; his jailer encourages him to believe that revolution is imminent, that he will soon be free. He is allowed to escape, groping through a dark labyrinth before breathing the fresh night air, uttering a heartfelt "alléluia" and walking straight into the arms of the Grand Inquisitor, who leads him tenderly but firmly to the stake. It is "torture par l'espérance", to quote the title of the short story on which the opera is based.

Dallapiccola had an understandable obsession with freedom, having suffered persecution in both the Austro-Hungarian empire and in Mussolini's Italy. But this opera's power lies in its transcending of time and place: when the Prisoner speaks (not sings) the final line — "La libertà?" — the implication, that every perceived offer of "freedom" is trickery and illusion, directly challenges us to assess our own world's condition. Musically, the work is stron-

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gest when in full, tormented cry. The screaming brass chords that punctuate the Mother's anguished soliloquy; the exultantly whooping horns as the Prisoner escapes; the evocation of the great bell of Ghent ringing out freedom (in fact it is the Prisoner's own death-knell); these are moments of raw power. Moreover, a rich vein of irony runs throughout, with mirthless parodies of ecclesiastical intoning and an aria of mock-revolutionary fervour.

The opera is uneven; the drama sags as the prisoner wanders through corridors (one could imagine Berg, whose music resembles Dallapiccola's in its pragmatic serialism, making something more obsessive of this). But the brilliant use of off-stage

brass and choruses (amplified effectively here) is one of many inspired strokes. David Atherton seemed a little inspired himself, too, marshalling huge orchestral forces superbly. Excellent solo performances came from Lucy Shelton, Dale Duesing and William Cochran, three singers who were not afraid to put vocal resources at drama's disposal.

Earlier, the ensemble Lontano, directed by Odaline de la Martinez, had given Berg's Chamber Concerto a restrained, rather sweet-toned performance, not always immaculately co-ordinated but notable for the impassioned lyricism of the violinist Mark Lubosky.

Richard Morrison

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Ban on animal growth hormone

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The practice of giving hormones to farm animals to stimulate growth is to be banned because of anxiety over residues which could be absorbed by consumers.

The decision to stop the use of so-called "growth promoters", which have been used for more than 10 years, was taken by Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in spite of intense opposition from some farmers.

The ban, which comes into force at the end of this year, brings Britain into line with the rest of the EEC.

The European Commission prohibited the addition of growth hormones to animal feeds, or the implantation of slow-release hormone capsules, after concern that some synthetic preparations in use in Italy for veal production were linked with cancer.

The Government has decided to adopt the EEC measure because advisers to the Ministry of Agriculture believe Britain would lose a £400 million export trade in meat and meat products to other EEC countries.

Previous British delegations, led by Mr Jopling and supported by the National Farmers' Union, insisted that the EEC ban could not be implemented in time. Britain was given special dispensation until the end of 1987.

According to the Meat and Livestock Commission, the cost to farmers without growth hormones would be a loss of up to 7p a kilo live weight on steers. There is also concern that non-EEC meat producers would have an unfair advantage because they are not subject to the ban.

An NFU spokesman said yesterday that it supported the decision to implement the ban because of the threat of UK beef exports to Europe.

He said detailed NFU research had concluded that there was no scientific evidence to support the theory that hormones were harmful.

Prickly problem for hedgehog island



Dr Kevin Woodbridge, a GP on North Ronaldsay in the Orkneys, with some hedgehogs he is helping to airlift to the mainland because they are threatening the island's birds by eating too many eggs. It is hoped the creatures will be found homes. (Photograph: Tom Kidd)

Man killed in London blast

By a Staff Reporter

A man was killed and 11 people injured when an explosion blew out the front of an Italian newsagents and bookshop in London yesterday.

The explosion, the cause of which is still unknown, happened at 2.20 p.m. as afternoon shoppers thronged Kensington High Street in south west London. Police kept the area totally sealed off late yesterday as bomb disposal experts were called to the area.

A spokesman for North Thames Gas said last night that no evidence had so far been found that the explosion was caused by leaking gas but added "We are keeping an

open mind on this". He said there was a smell of gas just after the explosion.

Firemen sifted through the rubble of the ground floor shop and basement to rescue a man in his middle twenties, but he later died in hospital as a result of serious multiple injuries.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the eleven injured were six men and five women. Hospital spokesmen said most people were hit by flying glass but were suffering from shock but were discharged a few hours later. One woman was in Charing Cross Hospital last night with fractures and lacerations.

Tories in move to gag editor

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and the federation, which is dominated by the "Libertarians", young people from modest backgrounds hostile to State interference in the conduct of private and public affairs.

Speaking from his Sussex home, the former prime minister, who occupies a hallowed place in the Tory Pantheon, said that he had never heard of *New Agenda*.

Last year, the federation was brought to book by party chiefs over allegations of rowdiness and vandalism at its conference at Loughborough University.

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TUC ballot pact may avert clash

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However, the public will still be presented with reminders of past divisions with the National Union of Mineworkers and TASS, the white-collar engineering union, attacking the new resolution, though failing to win the day.

A conflict centred on a motion from the Union of Communication Workers calling for the right to an individual secret ballot "before being asked to participate in industrial action".

The compromise wording limits this to ballots before a strike.

Mr Alan Tiffin, the communication union's leader, said: "What is important we have avoided what could

have been seen as the movement saying we will have nothing to do with ballots before strikes."

"That clearly would have damaged the Labour Party, and Mr Kinnoch came out firmly on that right and this composite resolution will endorse that."

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the transport union, said that he was "quite happy" with the new wording.

Secret ballots are becoming an increasingly common feature on the industrial landscape. Figures from Acas, the conciliation service, show that in 1985, the first full year for which data are available, ballots were used 94 times by no fewer than 37 trade unions.

Letter from Washington

Old splendour at the new Willard

The Willard is back. Arguably the most famous hotel in America, where presidents dined, Washington society intrigued, the mint julep was invented and a last-ditch attempt was made to avert the Civil War, the monumental landmark a stone's throw from the White House is emerging from 18 years of abandonment and dank decay.

Today the Willard will open its doors and invite to its restored turn-of-the-century splendour presidents, monarchs, prime ministers and all those willing to pay up to \$2,000 (£1,333) a night to stay in a hotel that has been at the centre of American history.

For the Willard is not just another expensive hotel in a city now brimming over with them; it is the cornerstone of President Kennedy's dream to rescue Pennsylvania Avenue from the squalor and urban decay of 25 years ago and make it a gracious artery connecting the Capitol and the White House. And with the reopening of the hotel, that dream is being realised.

The preservationists' fight was almost lost. The old owners gutted the crumbling art nouveau pile, auctioning off furnishings and artefacts before closing down. Developers wanted to turn the site into a car park. Restoration plans were mired in bureaucracy and a financial morass. Only when Mr Oliver Carr, Washington's richest builder, teamed up with Intercontinental Hotels was restoration feasible.

It has cost Mr Carr a staggering sum - \$120 million. But with a tactfully dovetailed office complex next door to help the cash flow, he has been able to reach for authenticity, with inlaid marble floors, ornate moulded ceilings, veined false marble pillars, all carefully copied from the original designs.

The famous lobby, which gave the name lobbyists to those waiting to snare presidents and congressmen, still keeps the two doors of the

tense pre-Civil War days when Northern politicians exited one way and Southerners the other.

The old bull's-eye windows and slate mansard roofs mark the skyline. European craftsmen, imported because America, unlike war-ravaged Europe, has few people trained in historic preservation, have recreated the gleaming oak and polished brass banquet rooms. And with some bullet-proof glass and secret security measures, the owners hope heads of state will again be dining there.

Today's building is the twelfth renovation of Henry Willard's ambitious hotel, the first in America to introduce bathrooms on each floor.

President-elect Franklin Pierce took up residence in 1853, staying there until he marched to the inaugural stand with Millard Fillmore, who promptly moved into his successor's old quarters. In 1864, Ulysses Grant and his son stayed there, and years later Calvin Coolidge approached a lounge in his room.

But it was the Civil War that made the hotel famous. The last great ball for North and South before the apocalypse was held there in 1859, with 1,800 guests.

Months later, as Jefferson Davis was sworn in as President of the Confederacy, delegates from 21 of the 34 states met in the Willard to head off war, but in vain. The stirring words of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* were written by Julia Howe in the Willard as she heard marching soldiers singing *John Brown's Body*.

The Times distinguished special correspondent, William Howard Russell, wrote: "The great pile of Willard's hotel probably maintains more schemes, plotting, planning heads, more aching and joyful hearts than any building of the same size ever held in the world."

Today, the last guest to vacate 8 years ago will arrive in Washington from Florida to be the first guest to sign the hotel register.

Michael Binyon

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

New books - hardback

The Deputy Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

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The Pioneers: The Early British Tea and Coffee Planters and their Way of Life 1825-1900, by John Weatherstone (Quaker, £20)
The Shaping of Middle Earth, by J.R.R. Tolkien (Allen & Unwin, £14.95)
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The Vanishing Garden, by Christopher Brickell & Fay Sherman (John Murray, £10)
Edward and the English Revolution, edited by R.C. Richardson & G.M. Riddell (MUP, £19.95)
Mengeddie: The Complete Story, by Gerald L. Posner & John Ware (Queen Anne Press, £12.95)
Seminars and Anti-Seminars, by Bernard Lewis (Weidenfeld, £15)

Anniversaries

Births: Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the USA 1889-93, North Bend, Ohio, 1833.
Deaths: William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, London, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, Nobel laureate, 1908; Hans von der Hobe, German, 1915; Federico Garcia Lorca, poet and dramatist, Granada, 1936; Lev Trotsky, assassinated, Mexico, 1940; Bernard Williams, Grafton, archbishop of Westminster, 1944-56, Poughmore, Cornwall, 1956.
Russian troops invaded Czechoslovakia, 1968.

Visitors road code

A Highway Code for overseas visitors to Britain has been produced by the Department of Transport and is available from the European Road Safety Year.
On the Road in Great Britain, an illustrated booklet designed to reduce the road risk for visitors, is available in French, German, Italian, Spanish and English from the Department of Transport, Building 3, Victoria Rd, South Ruislip, Middlesex.

The pound

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Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure over Britain will decline during the day as a warm front approaches W areas from the Atlantic.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NE, central W: mainly dry, sunny periods; wind light and variable; max temp 20C (68F).
East Angles, S, NE, central S: mainly dry, sunny periods; wind light and variable; max temp 20C (68F).
Surrey intervals, isolated light showers; wind W light; max temp 20C (68F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW, Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Dry, sunny intervals; wind light and variable; max temp 18C (64F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny intervals, isolated light showers; wind W light; max temp 17C (63F).

Shetland: Rather cloudy, some sunny intervals, scattered light showers; wind NW light; max temp 14C (57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Dry in the E at first, but outbreaks of rain soon spreading from the W. Temperatures near or a little below normal.

Lighting up time
London 8.44 am to 5.25 am
Bristol 8.50 am to 5.35 am
Edinburgh 8.02 am to 5.25 am
Manchester 8.57 am to 5.28 am
Penzance 9.02 am to 5.50 am

Yesterday
Temperatures at midday yesterday: C, cloud, f, fog, r, rain, s, sun.
Belfast -7.5F 35.5F
Birmingham -1.5F 30.5F
Bristol -1.5F 30.5F
Cardiff -1.5F 30.5F
Edinburgh -1.5F 30.5F
Glasgow -1.5F 30.5F
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College update
A practical guide to help college teachers update and further the skills of those working in the professions, has recently been published.

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Today's events

Royal engagements: Princess Anne visits the Royal College of Defence Studies, Belgrave Sq, SW1, 10.30.

Exhibitions in progress: Contemporary Caribbean art; Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends Sept 28).

The Photographic Art: pictorial traditions in Britain and America; Hunterian Art Gallery, Glasgow University; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1 (ends Sept 13).

Watercolours, etchings and engravings by Pat Gregory; Regent Centre, High St, Christchurch, Dorset; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5 (ends Aug 29). The end of the Pier Show: seaside

humour in popular and contemporary arts forms; Athenaeum Gallery, Princess St, Manchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (ends Sept 21).

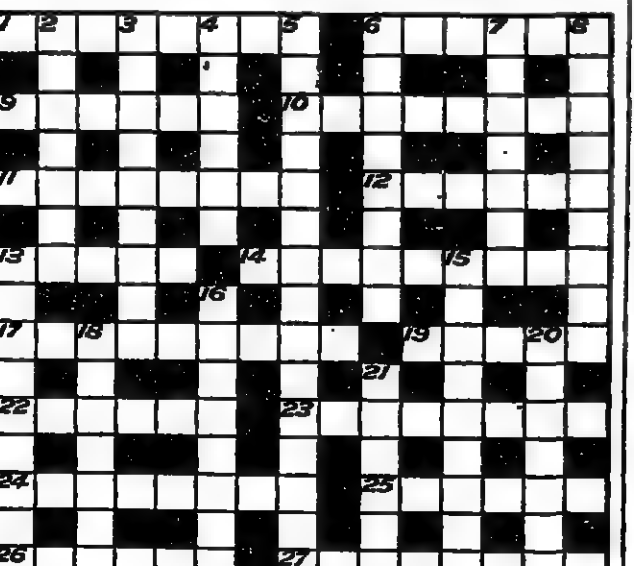
David Shilling: The Hais; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's Close, 65 The Close, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Sept 29).

Last chance to see: Landscapes and nudes by Edward Poy; Ortel 31, High St, Westphal, Poy, 11 to 5.

Musical: Jubilee Showcase: Concert by Anthony Neal (trombone) and Elizabeth Burley (piano); Jubilee Hall, Aldershot, 6.15.

Organ recital by Stephen Price; Parish Church, Goodlington, Paington, Devon, 7.30. Organ recital by Wayne Marshall; Norwich Cathedral, 8.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,129



- ACROSS**
- 1 Tries aim adjustment taking one after another (8).
 - 2 Her love I see is said to be the opposite of villainous (6).
 - 3 From the Cape a nutritious sort of butter (6).
 - 4 Archdeacon in Music of the Archdeacon - a damp squib? (3-5).
 - 5 Baring part of a train (8).
 - 6 Function in business premises warming up? (6).
 - 7 Fruit sounding snuff (5).
 - 8 He leads the field, with all due deference to the manufacturer (4-5).
 - 9 The flat-foot of Flatford Mill? (9).
 - 10 One in real trouble with Sycorax (5).
 - 11 Understands about Italian figures (6).
 - 12 As famous as John Gilpin (8).
 - 13 Confine Scarface inside (8).
 - 14 Weatherproof for king hiding in a tree (6).
 - 15 Plan, if split, would be the reverse of OK (6).
 - 16 Season, you will say, bound to entail much feasting (8).

- DOWN**
- 1 Meeting of would-be winner on the spinning wheels? (5,5).
 - 2 Result of over-indulgence by head of government in a royal house (8).
 - 3 Needle creating decoration on silk perhaps (7).
 - 4 If tourists are charged admission to it, see also the fat return!
 - 5 Anonymous evaders of this punishment (4-5).
 - 6 Quarrel over origin of plant producing starch (9).
 - 7 It holds the baby fish I catch (8).
 - 8 When Scheherazade told of deeds of chivalry, we hear (7).
 - 9 Maybe aldermen detailed to represent this isle (7).
 - 10 Army in line on way up to the settlement (6).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,128

ACROSS
1. TROUSERS
2. GENTLE
3. BUTTER
4. ARCHDEACON
5. BARRING
6. FUNCTION
7. FRUIT
8. HE
9. FLAT-FOOT
10. ONE
11. UNDERSTANDS
12. AS
13. CONFINES
14. WEATHERPROOF
15. PLAN
16. SEASON

DOWN
1. MEETING
2. RESULT
3. NEEDLE
4. IF
5. ANONYMOUS
6. QUARREL
7. IT
8. WHEN
9. MAYBE
10. ARMY
11. LINE
12. SETTLLEMENT

Letter from Washington
Old splendour
the new William

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

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De Beers
price dips

Shares in De Beers Consolidated Mines, the South African diamond mining and marketing group, fell from \$6.80 to \$6.13 yesterday in reaction to disappointing interim results for 1986. Earnings from diamonds rose 42 per cent to \$447 million (£114.2 million), but analysts had expected much more. Pretax profits rose from \$530 million to \$707 million and eps rose 20 per cent to 118 cents after a sharply higher tax charge up from \$127 million to \$218 million. The interim dividend was raised from 15 to 20 cents. Pretax profits at Gold Fields of South Africa, jumped 29 per cent from \$225.3 million to \$290.2 million in the year to June 30. The eps rose from 246 cents to 319 cents and the final dividend went up from 80 to 105 cents, making a total of 160 cents, one-third up on 1984-85. Second half net profits at Impala Platinum, fell slightly to \$90.9 million despite booming world prices due to a strike which cost \$45 million. Net profit for the full year to June 30 rose by 33 per cent to \$192.7 million while annual dividends were unchanged at 135 cents.

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Rentokil up

Rentokil has reported interim pretax profits up 8 per cent to \$13.1 million on revenue 8 per cent higher at \$76.8 million. The dividend is increased by 15 per cent to 1.025p.

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Systems rise

Systems Designers, the software design company, yesterday announced interim pretax profits up 3.5 per cent to \$3.3 million for the six months to June 30. The dividend is raised by 0.05p to 0.2p.

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Carlo victory

Carlo Engineering has won control of Bruntons (Musselburgh), the Scottish steel wire manufacturer, after Robert Fleming, its merchant bankers, bought 50.85 per cent shares of Bruntons at 72 1/2p each.

Fulham offer

The offer by SB Properties, a Marler Estates subsidiary, for Fulham Football Club has been declared fully unconditional. Mr David Bulstrode, chairman of Marler, has been appointed Fulham's chairman.

Tap success

Tap supplies of 2 1/2 per cent Treasury index-linked stock 2013 have run dry.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	1866.70 (-2.82)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	18792.61 (+195.17)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	1935.69 (-14.43)
Amsterdam	Gen	228.1 (+1.4)
Sydney	AO	1185.4 (+0.6)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	2080.2 (+28.7)
Brussels	General	813.79 (-1.9)
Paris	CAC	391.4 (+3.4)
Zurich	SKA General	520.96 (same)
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INTEREST RATES

London	Bank Rate	10%
	3-month interbank	9 1/4-1 1/4%
	3-month eligible bills	9 1/4-1 1/4%
	buying rate	
US	Prime Rate	8%
	Federal Funds	6 1/4%
	3-month Treasury Bill	5.55-5.53%
	30-year bonds	100 1/2-100 1/4%

CURRENCIES

London	New York	£: \$1.5030
	DM: £0.872	£: DM 0.0555
	Sfr: £2.4882	£: Sfr 110.4
	FF: £0.0551	
	Yen: £20.48	£: ¥20.8967
	Index: 72.0	

Survey confirms
London leads
currency world

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent.

London was confirmed as the world's dominant foreign exchange market yesterday when the Bank of England published figures showing that turnover on the City's foreign currency market is outstripping turnover in New York and Tokyo by more than \$40 billion each day.

In the first survey ever conducted to discover the size of the City's foreign exchange trading, the Bank found that turnover in London amounted to \$115 billion a day, equivalent each week to the entire British annual gross national product.

Adjusting for double counting, the turnover in London is a daily \$90 billion. This compares with about \$30 billion in New York, according to figures published yesterday by the New York Federal Reserve Board which carries out regular surveys of its own market.

The annual turnover in London of more than £20,000

billion is equivalent to 10 times the total annual volume of world trade. Although no absolute figures exist for global foreign exchange turnover, experts believe that London accounts for about 25 per cent of the total.

The US survey showed that turnover in New York had almost doubled since the last survey, in 1983, showed daily turnover at \$25 billion. The Bank of England believes that foreign exchange turnover in London has been growing at a similar pace.

Japan also published figures for foreign exchange turnover yesterday showing that it was rapidly catching up New York in volume following a 400 per cent increase over the last year to a daily total of \$48 billion.

The Bank of England survey was based on the dealings of 347 banks and licensed deposit takers, and eight brokers in London over a 10-day period last March.

The New York survey was

carried out over the whole of March and included 123 banking institutions and nine brokers.

The Bank's survey showed that trading between sterling and dollars was still the dominant transaction in London, making up 30 per cent of all types of foreign exchange deals. It was closely followed by dollar/mark transactions, making up 28 per cent of the total, followed by dollar/yen and dollar/Swiss franc deals.

The 10 largest banks together hold more than 36 per cent of the market's turnover, and there were 24 banks with a market share of more than 1 per cent each. The Bank does not, however, believe that this represents an unreasonable concentration of power.

Spot transactions accounted for 73 per cent of the total turnover, with forward transactions at 26 per cent. Options and futures trading was growing but still made up an insignificant proportion

BPCC shares halt
on expected bid

By Alison Eadie

The shares of British Printing & Communication Corporation and Philip Hill Investment Trust were suspended yesterday pending an announcement, expected this morning, that BPCC is making an agreed £330 million bid for Philip Hill.

The offer by Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of BPCC, comes after shareholder dissatisfaction had been voiced about the poor performance of Philip Hill. Barclays de Zoete Wedd Investment, with the backing of 56 per cent of Philip Hill shareholders, had put forward a plan to transform the trust into a UK equity index-linked fund. The plan now looks like being overtaken by Mr Maxwell's offer.

The offer is expected to be at 97 per cent of net asset value, which is around 343p a share. Philip Hill shares were suspended at 323p.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank acting for BPCC because its usual banker Hill Samuel has conflicts of interest, was sounding out Philip Hill shareholders and sub-underwriters yesterday to see if there was support for such a large increase in BPCC's equity.

The Philip Hill board, headed by Lord Keith of Castleacre, fully supports the

bid. The City was last night expecting that there would be just sufficient support for the bid to go ahead.

BPCC is expected to liquidate Philip Hill's assets to raise money for the company's

Mr Alan Brooker, chairman and chief executive of Exel Group, has written to shareholders attacking Mr Robert Maxwell's "obstructive tactics" in attempting to block the proposed acquisition of Dealers Digest, the US financial publishing and database operating concern.

American expansion. The acquisition of an American printing and publishing company is imminent and further American acquisitions are planned.

BPCC bought the Bishopsgate Trust two years ago and liquidated its assets as a means of reducing gearing. The company announced doubled interim profits of £27.55 million this week.

Philip Hill's disappointing performance was blamed largely on the company's 1.7 per cent stake in Beecham, its largest holding.

BPCC shares were suspended yesterday at 298p, valuing the company at £752 million.

Mount Charlotte stops
talks on merger

By Our City Staff

Mount Charlotte Investments, the hotels group, said yesterday that it had broken off talks for a £500 million merger with Pleasurama, the casinos and leisure group.

The managing director of Mount Charlotte Investments, Mr Robert Peel, said: "Despite the obvious short-term benefits to earnings, in the medium and long-term there is no reason why Mount Charlotte's earnings per share cannot outdo the likely earnings growth of a combined company. We want to remain independent."

The companies last week announced the talks after

news of a possible deal was leaked. Mr Peel said that this had put considerable pressure on Mount Charlotte as the smaller partner.

Mr George Martin, managing director of Pleasurama, said: "I am disappointed. We have wasted a lot of time and effort. Mr Martin said Mr Peel had been "somewhat indecisive." He added: "One of his concerns was that he wanted to merge with a company like Pleasurama, but did not want to put a 'for sale' sign over Mount Charlotte. And yet that is exactly what he has now done."

The dollar lost ground on the announcement, the pound closing in London at \$1.5030.

US growth
rate slows
to 0.6%

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

America's gross national product (GNP) expanded by only 0.6 per cent in the period from April to June, compared with estimates of 1.1 per cent, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

Lower investment in stocks and a worsening foreign trade imbalance were to blame for the sluggish growth rate, the department said.

The weak economic performance, after strong growth during the first quarter of 3.8 per cent, reinforced some analysts' concern that the American economy may be stalling and could need more stimulus to avoid slipping into a recession.

Earlier this month, the Reagan Administration revised its forecast for economic growth in 1986 down to 3.2 per cent from the 4 per cent estimated in the February budget.

Yesterday's announcement came as the Federal Reserve Board's policy-makers were gathering to review the economic situation.

Analysts speculated that the board was likely to consider further cuts in its discount rate, last reduced on July 10, to try to bolster economic activity. The discount rate, the interest rate charged by the Fed to member banks, stands at 6 per cent.

At the same time, the department reported that corporate profits were up by \$5.6 billion (£3.76 billion) or 4.1 per cent from first quarter levels.

During the first half of this year, GNP increased at a yearly rate of 2.2 per cent.

To achieve the latest Administration forecast of 3.2 per cent expansion, the economy would have to grow at a 4.2 per cent rate during the second half of this year.

The increase in GNP between April and June matched the 0.6 per cent expansion in the fourth quarter of 1982 and was the lowest since the third quarter of 1982 when there was a 3.2 per cent decline.

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Harry Blundred: First in the driver's seat with a management-led buyout of Devon General

Ex-conductor buys the buses

By Teresa Poole

A former bus conductor emerged yesterday as the head of the first management team to purchase a local bus company from the National Bus Company.

Mr Harry Blundred, chairman and managing director of Devon General, led a team of five senior managers in mounting a successful buyout for the Exeter company.

Devon General is the first local bus subsidiary to be sold under the current privatization programme and is also the first NBC company to be bought by existing management. Last month National Holidays was sold to the Pleasurama Group, whose £2.5 million offer was significantly higher than the management's bid.

The company made its mark in the industry by pioneering Britain's first large-scale urban minibuses project in Exeter in 1984. It has more than 200 minibuses providing high frequency "hail and stop" services in Exeter and Torbay and recently ordered another 50.

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Standard
gives Pao
two seats
on board

By Our Banking
Correspondent

The three shareholders who rescued Standard Chartered Bank from a bid by Lloyds Bank last month have been given directorships by Standard, but Sir Yue-Kong Pao, the Hong Kong entrepreneur who took the biggest stake in the bank, is to control two directorships.

Sir Yue-Kong, who bought 15 per cent of the bank to help thwart Lloyds, has been appointed group deputy chairman while his brother-in-law, Mr Peter Woo, has been made a director.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian businessman who recently raised his holding to 8 per cent, and Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puan, the Singapore entrepreneur who holds 5 per cent, have also been appointed directors.

At the same time Standard announced a 19 per cent increase in its interim dividend, from 10.5p to 12.5p, despite a slight fall in interim pretax profits compared with the same period last year.

The pretax result dropped from £133.8 million to £131 million, largely because of a sharp deterioration in the performance of the bank's African and Far Eastern operations.

Lord Barber, the chairman, denied speculation that the new shareholders were planning to break up the bank by floating off its more profitable operations.

Sir Yue-Kong had been given control of two seats on the board because of his larger shareholding. Lord Barber said. But all three shareholders were valuable because of their standing in their own countries, where Standard has interests. Lord Barber added that none wanted day-to-day involvement with the bank's management.

Standard's pretax profits over the six months to June 30 were hit by heavy provisions for bad debts, up from £45.6 million to £67.4 million. A large part of the increase occurred on business in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

Tropical African results deteriorated largely because of conservative accounting, but British and US profits improved.

Racal chief
confident

Sir Ernest Harrison, the Racal chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday that he was still confident of meeting the company's profit projections from its Vodafone cellular radio venture.

The £5 million profit this year is projected to rise to £20 million next year and £36 million the following year.

Racal has invested around £100 million in the operation and it has 45,000 subscribers against an original projection of 40,000 at this stage.

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Pension chiefs face ban on
recommending their plans

By Martin Baker

The pensions industry is heading for a period of anomalies and potential illegalities.

A survey by the Association of National Pension Fund Managers (ANPF), published yesterday, shows that a considerable number of the 1,015 schemes surveyed will have to amend their reporting and financial practices to conform with legislation.

In addition, a bizarre side-effect of the new Acts affecting pensions may seriously hamper the ability of pension managers and trustees to advise employees to take up their own company scheme.

The ANPF survey, which covers the pension provisions of 6.7 million employees in the public and private sectors, shows that 84 per cent of schemes provide for compulsory employee membership. The Social Security Act 1986, yet to be implemented, will prohibit this.



Norman Fowler: sponsors Social Security Act

A further need for revision was found among deferred pension arrangements. If an employee leaves a company scheme and opts to leave his pension "frozen" or deferred, the Social Security Act 1985 provides for annual increases of 5 per cent or the rate of price inflation, whichever is the smaller.

At the time of the survey, conducted before the Act came into force, only 38 per cent of schemes surveyed had already made these provisions.

One potential difficulty for pension managers is the combined effect of the Social Security Act 1986, sponsored by Mr Norman Fowler's ministry, and the Department of Trade-backed Financial Services Bill. The 1986 Act will give employees the right to opt for a personal pension.

The onus, according to Mr James, will be on "the companies which must sell their own schemes to their employees." The Financial Services Bill, on the other hand, will impose a duty on investment advisers to recommend the better performing pension products to individuals.

They may, therefore, find it difficult to recommend an average company scheme to employees of that company.

TEMPUS

RENTOKIL SHARE PRICE

FTA 500 SHARE INDEX

Bad figures, OFT inquiry launched

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per cent, the first increase in three years must be something special about it.

In July, it announced that sales of rough gem and industrial diamonds by the Central Selling Organization in the first half of 1986 were 45 per cent higher in dollar terms and 62 per cent up in rands on a year earlier.

News on Rentokil in the last year has not been especially encouraging. The shares have underperformed the FT All-Share index by 17.5 per cent over that period. The interim results bear witness to a poor performance in property care in the United Kingdom and an increasingly competitive market for timber preserving in the United Kingdom and the Far East.

Property care has been badly affected by the reduction in home improvement grants.

the core of the business, contract services, is doing well. It accounted for about 75 per cent of British profits in 1985 and is also a useful contributor to overseas earnings.

Interim Statement

In announcing the interim results, the Chairman, Lord Barber, said:

"The 2% reduction in Profit before taxation reflects the reduced contribution from associates stemming from adverse movements in exchange rates, particularly the South African Rand and the Nigerian Naira, and the dilution in the Group's shareholding in Stanbic from 53% to 39%. Other salient features are:

- Trading profit has increased from £97.5 million to £113.6 million — up 16.5%.
- Aggregate charge for bad and doubtful debts has increased from £45.6 million to £67.4 million — up 48%.
- Profit before extraordinary items has increased from £60.2 million to £70.2 million — up 16.6%.
- Earnings per share have increased from 38.7p to 45.1p — up 16.5%.

The Group continues to feel the effects of exchange rate fluctuations, particularly the weakening of the U.S. Dollar and of currencies linked to it. If the 1985 half year results of overseas operations were restated at June 1986 rates, profits before taxation would be showing an increase of £19.3 million or 17%.

The weakness of the U.S. currency has had an adverse effect on the

Total assets employed have increased by £0.5 billion from £28.8 billion to £29.3 billion as underlying volume growth of 7% has been constrained by the weakness of the U.S. Dollar and related currencies in which the Group mainly trades.

Notes

1. The charge for bad and doubtful debts comprises:

	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
Specific	£m	£m	£m
General	52.4	33.6	72.9
	15.0	12.0	27.8
	67.4	45.6	100.7
2. Regional analysis of profit before taxation (after allocation of central expenses)			
	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	69.0	58.2	135.7
Europe	5.1	(0.4)	2.2
North America	32.3	28.6	49.6
Middle East and South Asia	5.5	(1.1)	2.3
Asia Pacific	3.7	22.4	31.8
Tropical Africa	18.7	27.7	44.7
South Africa	12.6	18.7	35.6
Profit before interest on loan capital	146.9	154.1	301.9
Interest on loan capital relating to central financing	(15.9)	(20.3)	(34.0)
Profit before taxation	131.0	133.8	267.9
3. Taxation			
The charge for taxation, which reflects the estimated effective rate for the year, is based on a U.K. corporation tax rate of 36.25% (1985 – 41.25%) and comprises:			
	Six months ended 30th June 1986	Six months ended 30th June 1985	Twelve months ended 31st December 1985
	£m	£m	£m
Company and subsidiaries	51.9	51.6	102.3
Stamitic and associated companies	4.7	16.8	23.3
	56.6	68.4	125.6
4. Extraordinary items (net of attributable taxation relief)			
Extraordinary items comprise: —			£m
Costs relating to bid defence			7.0
Provision against trade investment and other items			0.8
			7.8
Attributable tax credit			2.5
			5.3
5. The financial information included herein for the twelve months ended 31st December 1985 is based on the full Accounts for 1985 which have been filed with			

WALL STREET

Early setback for Dow

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 10.13 points to 1,869.24. Declining issues led, advancing issues led.

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Am Home	93%	92%	Gen Motors	71%	70%	Sara Lee	70%	70%
Am Motors	29%	28%	Gm Pb Ltrny	23%	23%	SFC Sapec	29%	29%
Am Strnd	37%	36%	Gessaco	31%	31%	SchTberger	31%	32%
Am Teleph	23%	23%	Georgia Pac	32%	32%	Scott Paper	58%	60%
Amoco	65%	65%	Gillette	44%	44%	Seagram	59%	59%
Amoco Steel	6%	6%	Goodrich	39%	39%	Stearns Plokt	45%	44%
Asarco	52%	53%	Goodyear	33%	32%	Shell Trans	53%	52%
Asphalt Oil	15%	15%	Gold Inc	18%	17%	Singer	82%	82%

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Chrysler	35%	36%	Linchwood	49%	49%	Unocal	20%	20%
Cummins	5%	54%	Lucky Stars	25%	25%	John Walter	4%	50%
Clark Equip	17%	17%	Mar-Fraser	45%	45%	Winn-Dixie	61%	61%
Coca Cola	35%	35%	Martins	45%	45%	Winn-Dixie	102%	102%
Colgate	39%	40	Masco	45%	45%	Worshiper's	34%	34%
Comcast	143%	145%	Martins	51%	50%	Worshiper's	34%	34%
CBS	40	40	Mart Martini	44%	49%	Worshiper's	73%	73%
Citigroup	30	25%	Masco	29%	29%	Woodward	42%	42%
Citigroup	34	34	Monsie	67%	62%	Xerox Corp	55%	55%
Comcast	50	50	McDonalds	29%	29%			

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Gilts lifted by hopes of interest rate cuts

Hopes of lower interest rates next month gave gilts a much-needed boost yesterday. Gains stretched to more than half a point, enabling the Government Broker to exhaust supplies of the remaining £500 million 8½ per cent Treasury 2007 tap stock.

The FT-SE 100 index closed down 4.6 points at 1,604.4 and the FT-30 share index lost 5.8 points to end the day at 1,267.6.

Earlier, the index-linked "tap" 2013 ran out. Helping the mood was a firmer pound, which closed up 0.0103 at \$1.5030 after a gloomy start of United States gross national product figures showing a slowdown in growth to only 0.6 per cent in the second quarter.

Wall Street opened lower on the news, knocking a few pence from the leading British internationalists like Glaxo at 968p down 27p and ICI 7p lower at 997p. Jaguar was another casualty at 485p down 31p on further consideration of BPCC and Philip Hill Investment Trust confirmed merger talks.

Both shares were suspended, but fears of an early liquidation of the PHIT portfolio if the deal is successful sent a small shudder through some equities.

Beecham, for example, where Philip Hill holds a substantial interest, fell initially to 393p rallied to 403p only to slip back again with Wall Street to 393p a net fall of 8p.

Oils continued to reflect optimism for the future trend of crude prices, with BP 15p higher at 625p. Stores reflected another cheerful retail survey from the Confederation of British Industry and hopes of tax cuts next year.

after the latest rise in revenue receipts.

Sears at 121½p and GWA "A" shares at 107½p gained 3p and 10p, while jewellers continued to sparkle after the combined English-Zales deal announced on Monday.

Ratners was particularly strong at 201½p up 12p.

Confirmation that merger talks had collapsed left Mowlem Charlotte at 94p and Plessey 316p, both about 6p down. Reckitt added 6p to 77½p after the acquisition of

Durkee Famous Foods from Hanson Trust, 2p better and 180p.

In otherwise dull breweries, Matthew Brown rebounded 30p to 495p on revived bid talk and Vaux was also supported at 400p up 20p.

Standard Chartered slipped 8p to 72½p after disappointing first-half profits 2 per cent lower than last year. Other banks eased in sympathy.

In mines, De Beers plunged 67-cents to 613 cents after disappointing earnings. P&O with figures early next month slipped 5p to 508p and GEC overshadowed by the threat of increased competition from Plessey and Racal on defence contracts shed 4p to 186p.

Construction shares were supported ahead of the dividend season which begins next week with Blue Circle 10p higher at 548p. Costain at 548p and Gannac at 464p improved 5p. J. Mowlem added another 6p to 396p after recent comment.

Electronics issues were stimulated by a favourable circular from the stock-brokers, de Zoete. Unitech was particularly favoured at 19½p up 7p, but Racal gave up 6p to 180p after the annual meeting.

Thorn EMI attracted investment demand at 491p up 9p amid rumours of an upgraded profits forecast. Good profits and a one for five scrip issue lifted Aerospace Engineering 4p to 74p. Ayrshire Metal at 30p up 5p and Sager Group at 75p up 5p were firm ahead of statements this week.

Mrs Fields was hoisted 8p to 133p after comment on the figures. Fruit and vegetable wholesalers such as Albert Fisher at 180p and Glass Glover at 205p jumped 6p each after an encouraging circular.

RECENT ISSUES

Equities	High	Low	Close	Est. Vol.
Anglo Saco (1150p)	149.5	148.5	149.5	119
Asiatic (1150p)	149.5	148.5	149.5	119
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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates	Market rates
1 month	1.22-1.23p
3 months	1.23-1.24p
6 months	1.24-1.25p
12 months	1.25-1.26p
18 months	1.26-1.27p
24 months	1.27-1.28p
36 months	1.28-1.29p
48 months	1.29-1.30p
60 months	1.30-1.31p
72 months	1.31-1.32p
84 months	1.32-1.33p
96 months	1.33-1.34p
108 months	1.34-1.35p
120 months	1.35-1.36p
132 months	1.36-1.37p
144 months	1.37-1.38p
156 months	1.38-1.39p
168 months	1.39-1.40p
180 months	1.40-1.41p
192 months	1.41-1.42p
204 months	1.42-1.43p
216 months	1.43-1.44p
228 months	1.44-1.45p
240 months	1.45-1.46p
252 months	1.46-1.47p
264 months	1.47-1.48p
276 months	1.48-1.49p
288 months	1.49-1.50p
300 months	1.50-1.51p
312 months	1.51-1.52p
324 months	1.52-1.53p
336 months	1.53-1.54p
348 months	1.54-1.55p
360 months	1.55-1.56p
372 months	1.56-1.57p
384 months	1.57-1.58p
396 months	1.58-1.59p
408 months	1.59-1.60p
420 months	1.60-1.61p
432 months	1.61-1.62p
444 months	1.62-1.63p
456 months	1.63-1.64p
468 months	1.64-1.65p
480 months	1.65-1.66p
492 months	1.66-1.67p
504 months	1.67-1.68p
516 months	1.68-1.69p
528 months	1.69-1.70p
540 months	1.70-1.71p
552 months	1.71-1.72p
564 months	1.72-1.73p
576 months	1.73-1.74p
588 months	1.74-1.75p
600 months	1.75-1.76p
612 months	1.76-1.77p
624 months	1.77-1.78p
636 months	1.78-1.79p
648 months	1.79-1.80p
660 months	1.80-1.81p
672 months	1.81-1.82p
684 months	1.82-1.83p
696 months	1.83-1.84p
708 months	1.84-1.85p
720 months	1.85-1.86p
732 months	1.86-1.87p
744 months	1.87-1.88p
756 months	1.88-1.89p
768 months	1.89-1.90p
780 months	1.90-1.91p
792 months	1.91-1.92p
804 months	1.92-1.93p
816 months	1.93-1.94p
828 months	1.94-1.95p
840 months	1.95-1.96p
852 months	1.96-1.97p
864 months	1.97-1.98p
876 months	1.98-1.99p
888 months	1.99-2.00p
900 months	2.00-2.01p
912 months	2.01-2.02p
924 months	2.02-2.03p
936 months	2.03-2.04p
948 months	2.04-2.05p
960 months	2.05-2.06p
972 months	2.06-2.07p
984 months	2.07-2.08p
996 months	2.08-2.09p
1008 months	2.09-2.10p
1020 months	2.10-2.11p
1032 months	2.11-2.12p
1044 months	2.12-2.13p
1056 months	2.13-2.14p
1068 months	2.14-2.15p
1080 months	2.15-2.16p
1092 months	2.16-2.17p
1104 months	2.17-2.18p
1116 months	2.18-2.19p
1128 months	2.19-2.20p
1140 months	2.20-2.21p
1152 months	2.21-2.22p
1164 months	2.22-2.23p
1176 months	2.23-2.24p
1188 months	2.24-2.25p
1200 months	2.25-2.26p
1212 months	2.26-2.27p
1224 months	2.27-2.28p
1236 months	2.28-2.29p
1248 months	2.29-2.30p
1260 months	2.30-2.31p
1272 months	2.31-2.32p
1284 months	2.32-2.33p
1296 months	2.33-2.34p
1308 months	2.34-2.35p
1320 months	2.35-2.36p
1332 months	2.36-2.37p
1344 months	2.37-2.38p
1356 months	2.38-2.39p
1368 months	2.39-2.40p
1380 months	2.40-2.41p
1392 months	2.41-2.42p
1404 months	2.42-2.43p
1416 months	2.43-2.44p
1428 months	2.44-2.45p
1440 months	2.45-2.46p
1452 months	2.46-2.47p
1464 months	2.47-2.48p
1476 months	2.48-2.49p
1488 months	2.49-2.50p
1500 months	2.50-2.51p
1512 months	2.51-2.52p
1524 months	2.52-2.53p
1536 months	2.53-2.54p
1548 months	2.54-2.55p
1560 months	2.55-2.56p
1572 months	2.56-2.57p
1584 months	2.57-2.58p
1596 months	2.58-2.59p
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1692 months	2.66-2.67p
1704 months	2.67-2.68p
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1728 months	2.69-2.70p
1740 months	2.70-2.71p
1752 months	2.71-2.72p
1764 months	2.72-2.73p
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1788 months	2.74-2.75p
1800 months	2.75-2.76p
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1824 months	2.77-2.78p
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1896 months	2.83-2.84p
1908 months	2.84-2.85p
1920 months	2.85-2.86p
1932 months	2.86-2.87p
1944 months	2.87-2.88p
1956 months	2.88-2.89p
1968 months	2.89-2.90p
1980 months	2.90-2.91p
1992 months	2.91-2.92p
2004 months	2.92-2.93p
2016 months	2.93-2.94p
2028 months	2.94-2.95p
2040 months	2.95-2.96p
2052 months	2.96-2.97p
2064 months	2.97-2.98p
2076 months	2.98-2.99p
2088 months	2.99-3.00p
2100 months	3.00-3.01p
2112 months	3.01-3.02p
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2136 months	3.03-3.04p
2148 months	3.04-3.05p
2160 months	3.05-3.06p
2172 months	3.06-3.07p
2184 months	3.07-3.08p
2196 months	3.08-3.09p
2208 months	3.09-3.10p
2220 months	3.10-3.11p
2232 months	3.11-3.12p
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2268 months	3.14-3.15p
2280 months	3.15-3.16p
2292 months	3.16-3.17p
2304 months	3.17-3.18p
2316 months	3.18-3.19p
2328 months	3.19-3.20p
2340 months	3.20-3.21p
2352 months	3.21-3.22p
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2376 months	3.23-3.24p
2388 months	3.24-3.25p
2400 months	3.25-3.26p
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2472 months	3.31-3.32p
2484 months	3.32-3.33p
2496 months	3.33-3.34p
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2520 months	3.35-3.36p
2532 months	3.36-3.37p
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2568 months	3.39-3.40p
2580 months	3.40-3.41p
2592 months	3.41-3.42p
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2616 months	3.43-3.44p
2628 months	3.44-3.45p
2640 months	3.45-3.46p
2652 months	3.46-3.47p
2664 months	3.47-3.48p
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2688 months	3.49-3.50p
2700 months	3.50-3.51p
2712 months	3.51-3.52p
2724 months	3.52-3.53p
2736 months	3.53-3.54p
2748 months	3.54-3.55p
2760 months	3.55-3.56p
2772 months	3.56-3.57p
2784 months	3.57-3.58p
2796 months	3.58-3.59p
2808 months	3.59-3.60p
2820 months	3.60-3.61p
2832 months	3.61-3.62p
2844 months	3.62-3.63p
2856 months	3.63-3.64p
2868 months	3.64-3.65p
2880 months	3.65-3.66p
2892 months	3.66-3.67p
2904 months	3.67-3.68p
2916 months	3.68-3.69p
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3072 months	3.81-3.82p
3084 months	3.82-3.83p
3096 months	3.83-3.84p
3108 months	3.84-3.85p
3120 months	3.85-3.86p
3132 months	3.86-3.87p
3144 months	3.87-3.88p
3156 months	3.88-3.89p
3168 months	3.89-3.90p
3180 months	3.90-3.91p
3192 months	3.91-3.92p
3204 months	3.92-3.93p
3216 months	3.93-3.94p
3228 months	3.94-3.95p
3240 months	3.95-3.96p
3252 months	3.96-3.97p
3264 months	3.97-3.98p
3276 months	3.98-3.99p
3288 months	3.99-4.00p
3300 months	4.00-4.01p
3312 months	4.01-4.02p
3324 months	4.02-4.03p
3336 months	4.03-4.04p
3348 months	4.04-4.05p
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3492 months	4.16-4.17p
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3528 months	4.19-4.20p
3540 months	4.20-4.21p
3552 months	4.21-4.22p
3564 months	4.22-4.23p
3576 months	4.23-4.24p
3588 months	4.24-4.25p
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3672 months	4.31-4.32p
3684 months	4.32-4.33p
3696 months	4.33-4.34p
3708 months	4.34-4.35p
3720 months	4.35-4.36p
3732 months	4.36-4.37p
3744 months	4.37-4.38p
3756 months	4.38-4.39p
3768 months	4.3

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Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money. If you are a winner, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

No.	Company	Group	Share Price
1	British Telecom	Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	Automotive	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	Industrial	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	Industrial	10.00
5	Comcap	Industrial	10.00
6	Bennell	Industrial	10.00
7	Arden	Industrial	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	Banking	10.00
9	Brownlie	Industrial	10.00
10	St. Helens	Industrial	10.00
11	St. Helens	Industrial	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	Industrial	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	Industrial	10.00
14	Nest	Industrial	10.00
15	Woodward	Industrial	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	Industrial	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	Industrial	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	Industrial	10.00
19	Br Syphon	Industrial	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	Industrial	10.00
21	Diploma	Industrial	10.00
22	Premier	Industrial	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	Banking	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	Industrial	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	Industrial	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	Industrial	10.00
27	Wright Collins	Industrial	10.00
28	Greene King	Industrial	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	Industrial	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	Industrial	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	Industrial	10.00
32	DRG	Industrial	10.00
33	Broken Hill	Industrial	10.00
34	RPS Industries	Industrial	10.00
35	Island Foods	Industrial	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	Industrial	10.00
37	Scott Mac	Industrial	10.00
38	Carroll	Industrial	10.00
39	Carroll	Industrial	10.00
40	Carroll	Industrial	10.00
41	Carroll	Industrial	10.00
42	Carroll	Industrial	10.00
43	Carroll	Industrial	10.00
44	Carroll	Industrial	10.00

Please be sure to take account of any minus signs

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

BRITISH FUNDS

High Low Share Price Change %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

No.	Company	Share Price
1	British Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	10.00
5	Comcap	10.00
6	Bennell	10.00
7	Arden	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	10.00
9	Brownlie	10.00
10	St. Helens	10.00
11	St. Helens	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	10.00
14	Nest	10.00
15	Woodward	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	10.00
19	Br Syphon	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	10.00
21	Diploma	10.00
22	Premier	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	10.00
27	Wright Collins	10.00
28	Greene King	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	10.00
32	DRG	10.00
33	Broken Hill	10.00
34	RPS Industries	10.00
35	Island Foods	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	10.00
37	Scott Mac	10.00
38	Carroll	10.00
39	Carroll	10.00
40	Carroll	10.00
41	Carroll	10.00
42	Carroll	10.00
43	Carroll	10.00
44	Carroll	10.00

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

No.	Company	Share Price
1	British Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	10.00
5	Comcap	10.00
6	Bennell	10.00
7	Arden	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	10.00
9	Brownlie	10.00
10	St. Helens	10.00
11	St. Helens	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	10.00
14	Nest	10.00
15	Woodward	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	10.00
19	Br Syphon	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	10.00
21	Diploma	10.00
22	Premier	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	10.00
27	Wright Collins	10.00
28	Greene King	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	10.00
32	DRG	10.00
33	Broken Hill	10.00
34	RPS Industries	10.00
35	Island Foods	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	10.00
37	Scott Mac	10.00
38	Carroll	10.00
39	Carroll	10.00
40	Carroll	10.00
41	Carroll	10.00
42	Carroll	10.00
43	Carroll	10.00
44	Carroll	10.00

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

No.	Company	Share Price
1	British Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	10.00
5	Comcap	10.00
6	Bennell	10.00
7	Arden	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	10.00
9	Brownlie	10.00
10	St. Helens	10.00
11	St. Helens	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	10.00
14	Nest	10.00
15	Woodward	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	10.00
19	Br Syphon	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	10.00
21	Diploma	10.00
22	Premier	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	10.00
27	Wright Collins	10.00
28	Greene King	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	10.00
32	DRG	10.00
33	Broken Hill	10.00
34	RPS Industries	10.00
35	Island Foods	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	10.00
37	Scott Mac	10.00
38	Carroll	10.00
39	Carroll	10.00
40	Carroll	10.00
41	Carroll	10.00
42	Carroll	10.00
43	Carroll	10.00
44	Carroll	10.00

UNDATED

No.	Company	Share Price
1	British Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	10.00
5	Comcap	10.00
6	Bennell	10.00
7	Arden	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	10.00
9	Brownlie	10.00
10	St. Helens	10.00
11	St. Helens	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	10.00
14	Nest	10.00
15	Woodward	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	10.00
19	Br Syphon	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	10.00
21	Diploma	10.00
22	Premier	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	10.00
27	Wright Collins	10.00
28	Greene King	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	10.00
32	DRG	10.00
33	Broken Hill	10.00
34	RPS Industries	10.00
35	Island Foods	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	10.00
37	Scott Mac	10.00
38	Carroll	10.00
39	Carroll	10.00
40	Carroll	10.00
41	Carroll	10.00
42	Carroll	10.00
43	Carroll	10.00
44	Carroll	10.00

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No.	Company	Share Price
1	British Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	10.00
5	Comcap	10.00
6	Bennell	10.00
7	Arden	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	10.00
9	Brownlie	10.00
10	St. Helens	10.00
11	St. Helens	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	10.00
14	Nest	10.00
15	Woodward	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	10.00
19	Br Syphon	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	10.00
21	Diploma	10.00
22	Premier	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	10.00
27	Wright Collins	10.00
28	Greene King	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	10.00
32	DRG	10.00
33	Broken Hill	10.00
34	RPS Industries	10.00
35	Island Foods	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	10.00
37	Scott Mac	10.00
38	Carroll	10.00
39	Carroll	10.00
40	Carroll	10.00
41	Carroll	10.00
42	Carroll	10.00
43	Carroll	10.00
44	Carroll	10.00

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

No.	Company	Share Price
1	British Telecom	100.00
2	BSA	10.00
3	Atlantic Comp	10.00
4	Pepper (JN)	10.00
5	Comcap	10.00
6	Bennell	10.00
7	Arden	10.00
8	Royal Bank of Scot	10.00
9	Brownlie	10.00
10	St. Helens	10.00
11	St. Helens	10.00
12	Turner & Newall	10.00
13	Holt Lloyd	10.00
14	Nest	10.00
15	Woodward	10.00
16	LWT Higgs	10.00
17	Hilldown Higgs	10.00
18	Sound Diffusion	10.00
19	Br Syphon	10.00
20	Reckitt & Colman	10.00
21	Diploma	10.00
22	Premier	10.00
23	Nat Nat Bk	10.00
24	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
25	Witnes (Jm)	10.00
26	Goldsmiths Co	10.00
27	Wright Collins	10.00
28	Greene King	10.00
29	Taylor Woodrow	10.00
30	Davidson Pearce	10.00
31	Smith & Nephew	10.00
32	DRG	10.00
33	Broken Hill	10.00
34	RPS Industries	10.00
35	Island Foods	10.00
36	Br Car Auctions	10.00
37	Scott Mac	10.00
38	Carroll	10.00
39	Carroll	10.00
40	Carroll	10.00
41	Carroll	10.00
42	Carroll	10.00
43	Carroll	10.00
44	Carroll	10.00

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 11. Dealings end August 29. Contango day September 1. Settlement day September 8.
Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Vol	P/E
44	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5
45	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5
46	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5
47	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5
48	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5

1986	High	Low	Company	Price	Change	%	Vol	P/E
49	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5
50	380	375	Procter & Gamble	375.00	+5.00	+1.3	100	18.5
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Publishers Ltd
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BBC 1

00.00 **Coastal AM** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37; plus Beverly Aik's fashion tips; and the latest pop music charts at 8.04.

02.00 **Dudley Do-Right** Cartoon series about a 1920s mountie. 9.25 **Stills**. Adventure serial about a young man who runs away from a circus. (r) (Oracle)

05.00 **Newsworld Special** Delivery presented by John Craven, this week touring in the south west. 9.55 **The Adventures of Butch and Rocky**. Part one of a six-part cartoon. (r) (Oracle)

10.00 **Heartbeat**. A new approach to art, with Tony Hart and Gabrielle Brachman. (r) 10.25 **The Adventures of Butch and Rocky**. Part two of a six-part cartoon. (r) (Oracle)

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TV-AM

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown. News with Geoff Richardson at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; Giles Brandreth traces the origin of Punch and Judy shows at 8.20 and 8.25; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37; plus Beverly Aik's fashion tips; and the latest pop music charts at 8.04.

8.45 **Wacadee** presented by Timmy Mallett. The special guest is Arabella Warner of *The Wide Awake Club*.

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● *Stavros* (BBC2, 9.25pm) is literally a hopeless play. A would-be suicide lies shattered in a hospital bed while, all around him, ostensibly on a series of good cheer, are a bunch of vainglorious juvenile delinquents on the verge of an almighty punch-up. Even the

van that brings the youngsters to the hospital springs a puncture. And death is in an implacable mood because it carries off an old lady bang in the middle of a well-wishers' chorus of *We Three Kings of Orient are*. This weird play is extraordinarily well acted, especially by Angela Murphy as the most hopeless of the teenagers.

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BBC 2

6.55 **Open University: Here's Looking at You**. Ends at 7.00.

8.00 **Cartoon**. 8.25 **Open University: Resource Utilization**. How two successful British companies are saving energy. 1.10 **Patterns for Living**. The issues that arise when the mentally handicapped seek employment. 1.35 **The Physics of Matter**. Probing the structure of solids with microscopes using x-rays and neutrons. 2.00 **Cartoon**.

5.25 **News Summary** with subtitles. Weather. 5.30 **King's Country**. The last of the repeated series of films by award-winning cameraman Simon King, who spent a year observing birds, habitat and animals in the south of England.

6.00 **Film: Kick (1978)** starring Jim Belushi and Melinda McCourt. Comedy. Adventure with a sporting background about a football coach who, after being dismissed from his post, takes a job teaching delinquent boys. Directed by Sean Cunningham.

7.30 **Designs**. The last in the series examines the role and status of designers in industry. Plus an account of how the Hoover company marketed a new product.

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CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Channel 4 Racing** from York. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the *Handicap* (2.30), the *Steeplechase* (3.10), the *Steeplechase* (3.45), and the *Steeplechase* (4.15). 4.30 **Dancing Days**. Another episode of the drama series set in Rio de Janeiro.

5.30 **The Abbott and Costello Show**. "Abbott and Costello are judges in a beauty contest and must bribe money thinking it is a gift towards the rent from a friend."

6.00 **Fame**. American domestic comedy series. 6.30 **Backstage: On the Means Test**. The fourth in the series which shows how film and television are used to document family life. Includes film clips about the 1930s, the decade in which the television industry was introduced. Includes the Means Test. There is an extract from a film drama of Walter Gropius's best-selling novel *Love on the Dole*, and from Edgar Anstey's classic *Enough to Eat*. (r) (Oracle)

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On long wave. VHF stereo variations at 5.55. 5.55 **Shipping**. 6.00 **News briefing**: weather, 6.10 **Shipping**. 6.25 **Prayer** (r). 6.30 **Today**, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 **News**; 8.45 **Business News**, 8.55, 7.55 **Weather**; 7.00, 8.00 **News**; 7.25, 8.25 **Sport**; 7.45 **News**; 7.55 **Weather**; 8.00 **News**; 8.05 **The Psychiatrist's**. On 10.00 **Anthony Caro** talks to Mrs Wendy Savage, the controversial gynaecologist and artist (r).

8.40 **The Good Woman**. A tale about the headless Irish Duffian. Read by Angela Thorne. 10.00 **News**; 10.05 **Shipping**. 10.10 **News**; 10.15 **Shipping**. 10.20 **News**; 10.25 **Shipping**. 10.30 **News**; 10.35 **Shipping**. 10.40 **News**; 10.45 **Shipping**. 10.50 **News**; 10.55 **Shipping**. 11.00 **News**; 11.05 **Shipping**. 11.10 **News**; 11.15 **Shipping**. 11.20 **News**; 11.25 **Shipping**. 11.30 **News**; 11.35 **Shipping**. 11.40 **News**; 11.45 **Shipping**. 11.50 **News**; 11.55 **Shipping**. 12.00 **News**; 12.05 **Shipping**. 12.10 **News**; 12.15 **Shipping**. 12.20 **News**; 12.25 **Shipping**. 12.30 **News**; 12.35 **Shipping**. 12.40 **News**; 12.45 **Shipping**. 12.50 **News**; 12.55 **Shipping**. 1.00 **News**; 1.05 **Shipping**. 1.10 **News**; 1.15 **Shipping**. 1.20 **News**; 1.25 **Shipping**. 1.30 **News**; 1.35 **Shipping**. 1.40 **News**; 1.45 **Shipping**. 1.50 **News**; 1.55 **Shipping**. 2.00 **News**; 2.05 **Shipping**. 2.10 **News**; 2.15 **Shipping**. 2.20 **News**; 2.25 **Shipping**. 2.30 **News**; 2.35 **Shipping**. 2.40 **News**; 2.45 **Shipping**. 2.50 **News**; 2.55 **Shipping**. 3.00 **News**; 3.05 **Shipping**. 3.10 **News**; 3.15 **Shipping**. 3.20 **News**; 3.25 **Shipping**. 3.30 **News**; 3.35 **Shipping**. 3.40 **News**; 3.45 **Shipping**. 3.50 **News**; 3.55 **Shipping**. 4.00 **News**; 4.05 **Shipping**. 4.10 **News**; 4.15 **Shipping**. 4.20 **News**; 4.25 **Shipping**. 4.30 **News**; 4.35 **Shipping**. 4.40 **News**; 4.45 **Shipping**. 4.50 **News**; 4.55 **Shipping**. 5.00 **News**; 5.05 **Shipping**. 5.10 **News**; 5.15 **Shipping**. 5.20 **News**; 5.25 **Shipping**. 5.30 **News**; 5.35 **Shipping**. 5.40 **News**; 5.45 **Shipping**. 5.50 **News**; 5.55 **Shipping**. 6.00 **News**; 6.05 **Shipping**. 6.10 **News**; 6.15 **Shipping**. 6.20 **News**; 6.25 **Shipping**. 6.30 **News**; 6.35 **Shipping**. 6.40 **News**; 6.45 **Shipping**. 6.50 **News**; 6.55 **Shipping**. 7.00 **News**; 7.05 **Shipping**. 7.10 **News**; 7.15 **Shipping**. 7.20 **News**; 7.25 **Shipping**. 7.30 **News**; 7.35 **Shipping**. 7.40 **News**; 7.45 **Shipping**. 7.50 **News**; 7.55 **Shipping**. 8.00 **News**; 8.05 **Shipping**. 8.10 **News**; 8.15 **Shipping**. 8.20 **News**; 8.25 **Shipping**. 8.30 **News**; 8.35 **Shipping**. 8.40 **News**; 8.45 **Shipping**. 8.50 **News**; 8.55 **Shipping**. 9.00 **News**; 9.05 **Shipping**. 9.10 **News**; 9.15 **Shipping**. 9.20 **News**; 9.25 **Shipping**. 9.30 **News**; 9.35 **Shipping**. 9.40 **News**; 9.45 **Shipping**. 9.50 **News**; 9.55 **Shipping**. 10.00 **News**; 10.05 **Shipping**. 10.10 **News**; 10.15 **Shipping**. 10.20 **News**; 10.25 **Shipping**. 10.30 **News**; 10.35 **Shipping**. 10.40 **News**; 10.45 **Shipping**. 10.50 **News**; 10.55 **Shipping**. 11.00 **News**; 11.05 **Shipping**. 11.10 **News**; 11.15 **Shipping**. 11.20 **News**; 11.25 **Shipping**. 11.30 **News**; 11.35 **Shipping**. 11.40 **News**; 11.45 **Shipping**. 11.50 **News**; 11.55 **Shipping**. 12.00 **News**; 12.05 **Shipping**. 12.10 **News**; 12.15 **Shipping**. 12.20 **News**; 12.25 **Shipping**. 12.30 **News**; 12.35 **Shipping**. 12.40 **News**; 12.45 **Shipping**. 12.50 **News**; 12.55 **Shipping**. 1.00 **News**; 1.05 **Shipping**. 1.10 **News**; 1.15 **Shipping**. 1.20 **News**; 1.25 **Shipping**. 1.30 **News**; 1.35 **Shipping**. 1.40 **News**; 1.45 **Shipping**. 1.50 **News**; 1.55 **Shipping**. 2.00 **News**; 2.05 **Shipping**. 2.10 **News**; 2.15 **Shipping**. 2.20 **News**; 2.25 **Shipping**. 2.30 **News**; 2.35 **Shipping**. 2.40 **News**; 2.45 **Shipping**. 2.50 **News**; 2.55 **Shipping**. 3.00 **News**; 3.05 **Shipping**. 3.10 **News**; 3.15 **Shipping**. 3.20 **News**; 3.25 **Shipping**. 3.30 **News**; 3.35 **Shipping**. 3.40 **News**; 3.45 **Shipping**. 3.50 **News**; 3.55 **Shipping**. 4.00 **News**; 4.05 **Shipping**. 4.10 **News**; 4.15 **Shipping**. 4.20 **News**; 4.25 **Shipping**. 4.30 **News**; 4.35 **Shipping**. 4.40 **News**; 4.45 **Shipping**. 4.50 **News**; 4.55 **Shipping**. 5.00 **News**; 5.05 **Shipping**. 5.10 **News**; 5.15 **Shipping**. 5.20 **News**; 5.25 **Shipping**. 5.30 **News**; 5.35 **Shipping**. 5.40 **News**; 5.45 **Shipping**. 5.50 **News**; 5.55 **Shipping**. 6.00 **News**; 6.05 **Shipping**. 6.10 **News**; 6.15 **Shipping**. 6.20 **News**; 6.25 **Shipping**. 6.30 **News**; 6.35 **Shipping**. 6.40 **News**; 6.45 **Shipping**. 6.50 **News**; 6.55 **Shipping**. 7.00 **News**; 7.05 **Shipping**. 7.10 **News**; 7.15 **Shipping**. 7.20 **News**; 7.25 **Shipping**. 7.30 **News**; 7.35 **Shipping**. 7.40 **News**; 7.45 **Shipping**. 7.50 **News**; 7.55 **Shipping**. 8.00 **News**; 8.05 **Shipping**. 8.10 **News**; 8.15 **Shipping**. 8.20 **News**; 8.25 **Shipping**. 8.

SPORT

Souness pays for his indiscretion as SFA get tough

By Hugh Taylor

The turbulent match between Hibernian and Rangers on the opening day of the season has resulted in both clubs being fined and the Rangers' player/manager, Graeme Souness, being suspended for a further three matches.

The incidents in the game which led to Souness being ordered off and eight other players cautioned, were described yesterday as "the most serious witnessed in Scottish football in recent years" and the fines and suspensions indicate that the Scottish Football Association will in future deal out even more severe punishment if violent play is not curbed.

Rangers were fined £5,000, Hibernian, £1,000, and Souness given a further three-match suspension in addition to the automatic ban which caused him to miss the game against Falkirk. These were the decisions of the SFA disciplinary and referee committee who met to investigate the stormy game at Easter Road.

While some may feel that the fines and suspensions amount to little more than slaps on the wrist, Hibernian believe they have been hard done by, saying they were the innocent party in the incidents. Their manager, John Blackley, indicated last night that they will appeal against the findings of the committee.

Rangers, who have accepted "full responsibility for their part in the misbehaviour and have apologised unreservedly to the SFA," may be only too glad to have a disgraceful episode in their history forgotten. Campbell Ogilvie, their secretary, said: "The disciplinary measures imposed by

the Scottish Football Association have been accepted by Rangers Football Club. The club has no intention of appealing against the decisions of a governing body."

The indignation of the SFA at the unruly behaviour of the players at Easter Road was made plain in a statement read after the meeting by the president, David Will, of Brechin City, who is a solicitor.

He said: "Having spent most of the close season



Souness: three match ban

stressing that every effort was to be made to stamp out violent conduct and serious indiscipline on the field, the Association was appalled to learn that the first day of the new season had been marred by one of the most serious incidents witnessed in Scottish football in recent years.

It is a relief that we are able to record that actions by players which would have led to a riot had they occurred on the terracing did not spark off catastrophic crowd trouble. "The Association wish to make it clear that the behav-

iour of the type witnessed will not be tolerated in the Scottish game." After fining Rangers, the committee pointed out that "this was the third major incident in which players of that club had been involved in the past two seasons."

A year ago Rangers were fined £2,000 after a deplorable match with Aberdeen and a few weeks before that, some of their players and a few of those of Heart of Midlothian were given extra suspensions after a violent game.

Souness, whose introduction to Scottish League football has been disastrous, his expensive built team having failed to impress, is understood to have been severely criticized in the report of the referee supervisor at Easter Road for the incident which left George McCluskey of Hibernian requiring nine stitches in a knee wound. That tackle led to the dismissal of Souness but not before there was a mêlée involving 21 players in the centre circle.

The committee has also decided that two penalty points will be added to the current records of all players involved in that incident — "that is to say, all players then on the field, with the sole exception of player number one of Hibernian." He is Alan Rough, the Scottish international goalkeeper, who had the good sense to remain on his goal-line, looking on at the fighting. Souness, then, now finds himself on nine penalty points and one more booking will cost him another match suspension.

One of the three matches the player/manager will miss is the Glasgow derby match with Celtic at the end of the month.



Putting their backs into it: Mitchell (US, foreground) and Shibaeva (USSR) in their women's 100 metres backstroke heat.

ROWING

Bird and Johnston lift day of gloom for British crews

By Jim Raiton

Britain's first two crews in the repêchages, the men's lightweight eight and the women's coxed four, were eliminated from the competition at the world rowing championships in Nottingham yesterday. But the gloom lifted for the British when Pauline Bird and Fiona Johnston finished second in their repêchage, behind the dominant East Germans, to qualify for Saturday's final.

The championships are now at a crucial stage, when competitors progress to semi-finals or directly to finals. Failure to do so simply means the end of the road, for another year at least.

Britain's state of affairs before yesterday's events was already a healthy one. Four crews had made the weekend's finals — the women's eight, the lightweight women's double sculls and coxed four, and the men's coxed pairs. Yesterday Bird and Johnston made it five so far, and today should provide more.

The first major casualty yesterday was Ruggiero Verroca, Italy's world champion in the lightweight single sculls. He finished fourth in

his race with only three to qualify. It came as no great surprise, however, as he has been in and out of hospital here, receiving treatment for an abscess, and was as weak as a kitten.

Britain's taste of gloom came with the elimination of the men's lightweight eight. They did not have the best lane, but were last all the way and a length or more short of a final place. The women's heavyweight coxed four in the next race were outclassed and last in their repêchage.

In today's repêchages the action once again will be fierce with sudden death threatening all. Four British crews have their heads on the block and the axe is neatly poised in each case.

The heats of the men's heavyweight eights on Monday were certainly up against it, but the experience here will prove a good investment.

Because of the possibility of adverse weather conditions today and with an eye on the wind direction, racing will start at 7.30am. There were complaints from coaches that the wind yesterday affected the inside lanes and among those who complained were the British lightweight men's eight.

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First gold medal gained by Biondi

Madrid (Reuter) — Matt Biondi gained his first world swimming championship gold medal when he won the men's 100 metres freestyle final here yesterday. Britain's Sarah Hardcastle won a bronze medal in the women's 400 metres freestyle.

Biondi, aged 20, who has already won a silver and two bronze medals, added the gold with a good time of 48.94sec, a time bettered only by his own world record of 48.74sec in June. Stephan Caron turned in a fast second length to overtake the American, Tom Jager, and take the silver medal by a margin of just 0.06 seconds.

But the French European champion was nearly a second behind Biondi, who had earlier won silver in the 100 butterfly and bronze in the 200 freestyle and 4 x 200 freestyle relay.

The stylish Helge Friedrich collected her third gold medal in as many days, outclassing her rivals to win the women's 400 metres freestyle. The 16-year-old East German cruised smoothly home to win by more than a one and a half seconds from her compatriot Astrid Strauss, with the Commonwealth champion, Sarah Hardcastle, third. The British girl had led at the halfway point, but was not strong enough to hold on.

It was East Germany's sixth win in six women's races and completed a treble for Friedrich, who won gold medals in Sunday's 4 x 200 metres freestyle final and Monday's individual 200 freestyle.

East Germany won a total of three gold medals on Monday, setting a world record and scoring a sensational men's 4 x 200 metres relay win in which they defeated the fancied West Germans as well as the United States.

Silke Hörner, aged 20, a Leipzig sports student, supplied the world record in the 200 metres breaststroke, giving East Germany their fifth title in five women's events.

Michael Gross, the West German winner of the 200 metres freestyle, was edged out of the 100 metres butterfly medals by Andrew Jameson, of Britain, who snatched the bronze behind an American one-two. Jameson had set a Commonwealth record in the heats. "I beat Michael this time and I was pleased with that. I was very nervous at the start but I'm pleased to get third," he said.

CYCLING

Pierce is the revelation

From John Wilcockson, Colorado

With five days remaining in the Coors International Classic, there are French leaders in both sections of the race.

Bernard Hinault has an advantage of 1min 16sec over Jeff Pierce, of the United States, with Phil Anderson, of Australia, in third place in the men's section. And Jeannie Longo, the 1985 world champion, is almost two minutes ahead on Inga Thompson, the American who came third last month in the women's Tour de France.

There was no racing yesterday when the two race entourage moved down from the high Rocky Mountains to the foothills. This change in elevation from 10,000 to 5,000 feet should be to the advantage of the European-based riders, who already occupy

seven of the top 10 positions in the men's race.

The revelation of the past week has been Pierce, who is regarded as one of the best American performers at high altitude. His solo attack on Monday's Vail to Copper Mountain stage allowed him to finish with Hinault and Anderson in the front group, 1min 44sec ahead of the top two American cyclists, Greg LeMond and Andrew Hampsten, who both missed the key move 24 miles from the finish.

Other victims of the eleven-stage race, which crossed the 11,316-ft high Fremont Pass, were Moreno Argentin, of Italy, and Bruno Cornillet, of France, who finished four minutes behind the day's winner, Maarten Ducrot, of The Netherlands.

Ducrot attacked on the descent of the Fremont Pass, 11 miles from the finish to arrive 13 seconds ahead of the Hinault-Anderson-Pierce group.

Many of the Europeans, like Ducrot, lost time during the early stages of the Coors Classic and have now fully acclimatised. But Argentina, who last year won the bronze medal in the world championship road race in Italy, said after his defeat on Monday: "I found it hard racing in the thin air and I was unable to follow LeMond. I will now concentrate on preparing for the world championships." The professional road race in the world championships takes place on September 7 at Colorado Springs, at 7,000 feet above sea level.

In the women's section, Longo and Thompson are both in contention for victory, and they will also be the main contenders for the road race at the world championships. Other challengers are coming into form, including Madonna Harris, a Utah-based New Zealander who won Monday's stage.

LATEST POSITIONS: Men: 1, B Hinault (Fr), 28hr 26min 55sec; 2, J Pierce (US), at 1min 16sec; 3, P Anderson (Aus), at 2:37; 4, G LeMond (US), at 2:47; 5, A Hampsten (US), at 3:42; 6, D Shapiro (US), at 4:45; 7, J Kump (Nor), at 4:48; 8, M Argentin (It), at 5:22; 9, B Cornillet (Fr), at 5:31; 10, V Piva (It), at 5:28. Women: 1, J Longo (Fr), 28hr 08min 45sec; 2, I Thompson (US), at 1min 55sec; 3, M Harris (NZ), at 2:48; 4, S Ehlers (US), at 3:07; 5, M Harris (NZ), at 4:15; 6, J Marshall (US), at 4:52; 7, M Berglund (Swe), at 5:27; 8, L Schenk (US), at 5:28; 9, C Greenwood (GB), at 5:30; 10, U Enzenhauer (WG), at 5:41.

Clark triumph over Hoste and his wrist

Although nursing an injured wrist, Danny Clark (Ever-Ready) maintained Australia's hold on the Glasgow end of the Kellogg's city criterium series by snatching victory right on the line on Monday.

He just squeezed out Frank Hoste of Belgium with whom, three laps earlier, he had bridged a 10-second gap established by John Herety (Percy Bilton-Condor Cycles) and Chris Whorton (Allison Bread). Steve Joughin, the Moducel sprinter, crossed the gap too but pulled his foot out of a pedal while preparing for the final dash to the line.

Herety, agitated at the sudden arrival of the speedy Clark and Hoste, had to be content with third place but it gave him the overall yellow jersey with 22pts ahead of Joey McLoughlin (ANC) and Clark both with 20pts.

Clark's brilliant timing was a triumph for a man sidelined for a week after crashing in a motor-paced race in Zurich. It was the fourth successive year an Australian had won at Glasgow.

Worthing will be focus of world in 1992

Norman Thomson, president of the English Bowling Association (EBA), announced yesterday that Worthing has been confirmed by the International Bowling Board as the venue of the 1992 world championships (Gordon Allan writes). They will probably be held in June and at least 30 countries are expected to take part.

The cost to the EBA of organizing the championships is estimated at £500,000. To raise £125,000 of this, they will be asking every bowler in England for a contribution of £1. A limited liability company with a board of directors comprising businessmen and bowls administrators has been formed to co-ordinate planning of the event.

The BBC have been given first refusal on television coverage. Sponsorship — that other essential ingredient of modern sport — will be sought in due course.

Worthing staged the world championships in 1972. The next championships are being held at Auckland, New Zealand in 1988.

BOWLS

Clevedon masters ditched

By Gordon Allan

Ted Hanger and Ron Nicholls, of Chandos Park, Buckingham, beat David Bryant and David Rhys Jones 20-19 in the third round of the Gateway English Bowling Association pairs championship at Worthing yesterday. This is a title Bryant and Rhys Jones have won three times since they first played together 21 years ago.

It sounds a close match and it was close. Yet after 10 ends there was nothing close about it as far as those unreliable things, the statistics, went. Hanger and Nicholls led 16-1 and were bowling well enough to be worth every shot of that lead. The Clevedon masters, no matter what they did, seemed unable to stop them.

The situation had not significantly changed by the 16-end mark. Hanger and Nicholls led 20-6 and time was now on their side. But on the seventeenth end Bryant and Rhys Jones scored five, when Bryant removed Hanger's sec-

ond bowl. Two shots to Clevedon on the eighteenth would have been five if Hanger had not drawn a saving third bowl — and in retrospect that three-shot difference could be seen as crucial.

Four shots on the nineteenth and twentieth left Bryant and Rhys Jones needing four to win on the last end. Bryant put the jack in the ditch, giving them the chance of three shots and a possible extra end, but a measure ruled out the third. A fitting finish to a fine match.

The other Somerset pair, Brian Archer and Ernie Price, of Taunton Deane, lost 17-16 on an extra end to Neil Stephens and Steven Rowe, of Stenalees. The Cornishmen drew level 16-16 on the 21st, after hanging on to the opposition's coat-tails for the whole match.

John Gale, who interrupted a holiday in Miami to play at

Worthing, can now return to the beach. He and his brother Jeff, from Vauxhall Park, lost 25-16 to John Morley and Arthur Wright, of the Albert Club in north London.

Cliff Simpson and Dave Kilner, of Oulton Lodge, Durham, maintained their impressive form with a 20-10 win over the Nottinghamshire pair Alan Euerby and Brian Clark, of Bestwood Miners Welfare. Gary Denison and Phil Hackett, of Newton Abbot, secured their place in the quarter-finals when they beat Clive Tancock and Mike Jeffery, of Atherley, Southampton, 23-15.

Brian Taylor and Gary Blake, of County Arts, Norwich, were consistency personified in their 20-6 victory over Ian Maddox and Marcus Smith, of Ledbury, Herefordshire. Their total comprised three threes and 11 singles.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Hagler yes to Leonard

Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight boxing champion, has agreed to meet Sugar Ray Leonard, but not until March of next year. Leonard, the 30-year-old former welterweight and junior middleweight world champion, has been pushing Hagler to agree to the big-money fight for the past three and a half months.

Although Leonard retired in 1982 because of a detached retina, a bout between the two is certain to arouse a great deal of interest and could have a total purse of as much as \$15 million (around £10 million). Leonard, the former Olympic champion, made a brief return to the ring in May of 1984 with a lacklustre victory over American Kevin Howard and immediately retired again.

Little's job

Brian Little, the former Aston Villa and England footballer, has taken over as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers after the dismissal of Sammy Chapman.



Becker: No. 1 seed Becker tops

Becker will be the top seed at next month's West German Open following the withdrawal of Mats Wilander, of Sweden, the world No. 2. It will be his first grand prix tournament on home soil since winning his first Wimbledon title last year. Ranked third in the world, Becker, who is based in Monte Carlo, has often said he feels under intense pressure in West Germany. Wilander, for his part, is planning a two-month break from the game after the US Open which starts next week.

Aiming high

Severiano Ballesteros, Greg Norman and Bernhard Langer, the world's top three golfers, will all play in the £210,000 Panasonic European Open at Sunningdale from September 11-14. The three will be playing for a £35,000 top prize.

Tough test

Twelve regional finalists will be able to test their skills against four of the country's best bowlers — Ron Keating, David Cutler, Jerry Bates and Daniel Dennison — when the last stages of the Croxley Script/EBA Champion of Champions bowls tournament are contested at Hemel Hempstead between August 30-31. The 12 have qualified from among 1600 club and county champions.

Jack's back

Sir Jack Brabham, three times the former grand prix world motor racing champion, heads the list of celebrities for the Birmingham Renault program event on bank holiday Monday — first-ever saloon car race at the new city centre track.

Scotland dismay at Kiwis' leniency

By Paul Martin

Scotland are now reserving their position on whether to take part in next year's World Rugby Cup, in response to the reinstatement in the New Zealand team of 10 "rebel" players who toured South Africa this year. This follows expressions of equal dismay from Ireland, where Harry McKibbin, the representative on the International Rugby Board, predicted in Belfast that a decision on whether to withdraw from the event would now be a "close run thing".

Both countries are unenthusiastic anyway over the concept of a World Cup, but have gone along with the overall consensus. "We are reserving our position as any union is entitled to do," said Bill Connors, vice-president of the Scottish Rugby Football Union. "We agreed to take part, but we are at liberty to change our minds when something untoward happens."

Mr Connors said that Scotland will press for an explanation at the IRB's special session in London this October where the "rebel" tour issue will be "thrashed out." Mr McKibbin said the New Zealanders, to forestall pressure on World Cup participation, would "have to come up with a jolly good reason" for their actions since the South Africa tour blew up.

He described the selection of so many "rebels" as "amazing" and believed opinion would now "harden." He said that he had begun to wonder what control the New Zealand board had over their players — "and what games they are playing at."

The New Zealand selectors were criticised for taking a "myopic view of the game" by John Kendall-Carpenter of England, chairman of the World Cup Company. He stressed the need, though, for participating nations to hold back on decisions while New Zealand made further investigations into the players' amateur status.

The view is growing in Britain that the New Zealanders' apparent leniency towards those players who defied them can in part be explained by the lack of action against British players who were allegedly paid substantial sums to join a brand of football. "We are a bit exposed," Mr Kendall-Carpenter pointed out because the British rugby authorities could not act on the boots affair.

Nevertheless, South Africa, not New Zealand, remains the principal villain to world rugby administrators. The IRB meeting in October will almost certainly now approve measures to expel or suspend a member nation. South Africa could not, however, be disciplined at this meeting, as matters now stand they could only be dealt with at the next annual general meeting in March 1987, unless yet another special session is summoned — and that Mr Connors considers most unlikely.

Australian forwards criticized

Timaru, New Zealand (Reuter) — The Australians scored six tries to two to beat South Canterbury 33-11 yesterday, but were far from impressive against the lowly-ranked provincial side.

The match was marred by handling errors, offside and missed scoring opportunities and the Australians' tries came from pressure rather than imagination. Their forward technique was faulty — badly-tapped lineout ball, poor rucking and frequent scrum infringements — causing Greg Hand, the South Canterbury captain, who scored one of their tries, to rate the visitors' forward effort as inferior to that of Otago and Canterbury, their provincial neighbours. "And they are nowhere near as hard," Hand said.

Alan Jones, the Australian coach, conceded some failings in his second-string team's performance, but applauded their discipline in difficult conditions. "It was a very tidy game," he admitted.

Australia's next match, the 10th of their tour, is against New Zealand in the second international at Carisbrook, Dunedin, on Saturday. Australia won the first match 13-12.

TEAMS: Australia: A Leads: I Williams, M Burke, C Morris, M Cook, S James, S Siro, C Cooper, S Calcutt, R Reynolds (capt), J McCull, J Gardner, G Burrow, M McGinn, M Murray, South Canterbury: G Campbell, G Burgess, E Marshall, S Todd, P Ryan, S Fairbrother, P Morley, J Simpson, M Smith, G Stanley, T Shaw, G Proudfoot, R Patterson, G Hand (capt), R Morgan.

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